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Michelle Rhee '92 debate
school reform (separately)



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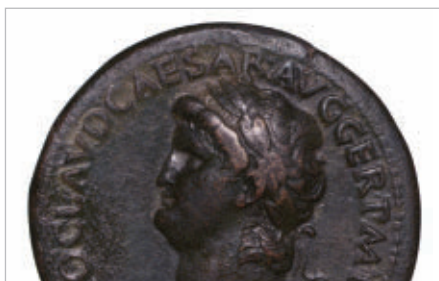
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BILL STERNBERG '78

They're the two strong-willed women at the heart of the nation's debate on school reform. Michelle Rhee '92 is the former chancellor of the D.C. school system, whose embattled term was marked by bitter controversy over firings and a brusque management style. Randi Weingarten '80, head of the American Federation of Teachers, is known as a fierce advocate for her union—some say to a fault, with substandard educators kept in the classroom to the detriment of students. The two sat down with CAM to talk about the education debate. Separately.

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BETH SAULNIER

Janet Zweig '71 is among the nation's busiest public artists. With commissions from New York City to Washington State, Zweig creates works that use language, technology, and a variety of materials to offer a novel look at spaces and communities. "I try to get not so much a sense of the place, but of the people—a sense of who the audience will be for a particular work," she says. "I often don't give people what they pictured, but I try to give them what they want."

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CALC 2011: Better Than Ever

Dear Cornellians,
We have just returned from the second annual Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference (CALC), a truly motivating, uplifting, and fun meeting of some 800 alumni held this year in Washington, D.C. David spent a few days in our nation's capital before CALC, meeting, among others, recently elected members of Congress who are Cornell alumni. When Robin arrived, we were introduced to class officers, Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) volunteers, and others who are making Cornell and our world a better place. It was a joyful and energizing experience.

What was once a training event designed for alumni class officers has evolved into a much more inclusive gathering, with volunteers from the broad sweep of organizations that contribute so much to Cornell. There were introductory sections—the “100-level courses”—on the basics of volunteer leadership, and a more advanced session—a “200-level course”—on strategies for alumni organizations (with no integrals or derivatives in sight!). Some activities were all-alumni events, offering Cornell-specific information or featuring faculty and alumni who shared expertise that participants could use in their volunteer activities and other facets of their lives. Other sessions were organized specifically for people who volunteer with admissions, reunions, classes, clubs, affinity groups, the Cornell Hotel Society, Greek life, and PCCW. We found CALC to be a terrific opportunity for alumni, faculty, and senior leadership to join forces in better understanding and advancing Cornell. Vice presidents Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, Tommy Bruce, Charlie Phlegar, and Mary Opperman were among those who participated in panels, usually with alumni, staff, or faculty. The attendees seemed to appreciate this mixing of perspectives and ideas.

During the Saturday luncheon, Ithacan Jane Little Hardy '53 received the 2011 William “Bill” Vanneman '31 Outstanding Class Leader Award. Her acceptance speech was spellbinding. Although Bill could not attend, his great Cornell spirit was felt.

In all, the CALC participants represented all seven undergraduate colleges and spanned class years from 1946 to 2014. They came from thirty-three states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Cynthia Kubas, Class of '78, traveled the longest distance, coming to Washington from Hawaii. Nearly all of Cornell's colleges and units participated, and sixty-three current students were in attendance, along with twenty-five faculty members and alumni who served as presenters.

In addition, we had a large virtual audience for Saturday's luncheon, as alumni around the country logged on to the Cornell Alumni Association's Facebook page. Live-streaming to Facebook was a timely innovation, since many of the participants had just heard a presentation on “What's Next with Social Media,” featuring Adam Hirsch '04, chief operating officer of mashable.com; Laura Fittin '94, author of *Twitter for Dummies*; and Lee Humphreys '99, an



ROBERT BARKER / UP

assistant professor of communication at Cornell.

Nine University trustees attended, including five members of the Trustee Task Force on Volunteer Leadership, which had met the day before CALC with a group of volunteer leaders to solicit ideas on how to create more rewarding “career paths” for Cornell volunteers, active succession plans for organizations, and meaningful organizations for Cornell. The task force, in this first year of its operation, will also be collecting data from academic deans and Cornell staff who work with volunteers to complete an operational plan for volunteer leadership no later than 2013. We believe this task force is a good and important idea.

For both of us, though—as we suspect was true for many other participants—the best thing about CALC (in addition to no calculus problem sets) was meeting and networking with other Cornellians from so many classes, colleges, and alumni organizations. We left with even greater confidence in the power of our individual and collective efforts to strengthen our University. Now the job at hand is to harness all that energy, commitment, and talent for not only continuing Cornell on its path toward greater excellence in education, discovery, creativity, and service, but to solve some of the problems of our country and world—a job for which Cornellians are uniquely suited.

As always, your take on CALC and other alumni initiatives is what counts. Please share your observations about the conference and Cornell in general. Onward!

— David Skorton (david.skorton@cornell.edu) and Robin Davisson (robin.davisson@cornell.edu) are Cornell's first couple. Davisson holds a dual faculty appointment as professor of cell and developmental biology at Weill Cornell Medical College and professor of molecular physiology at the College of Veterinary Medicine.

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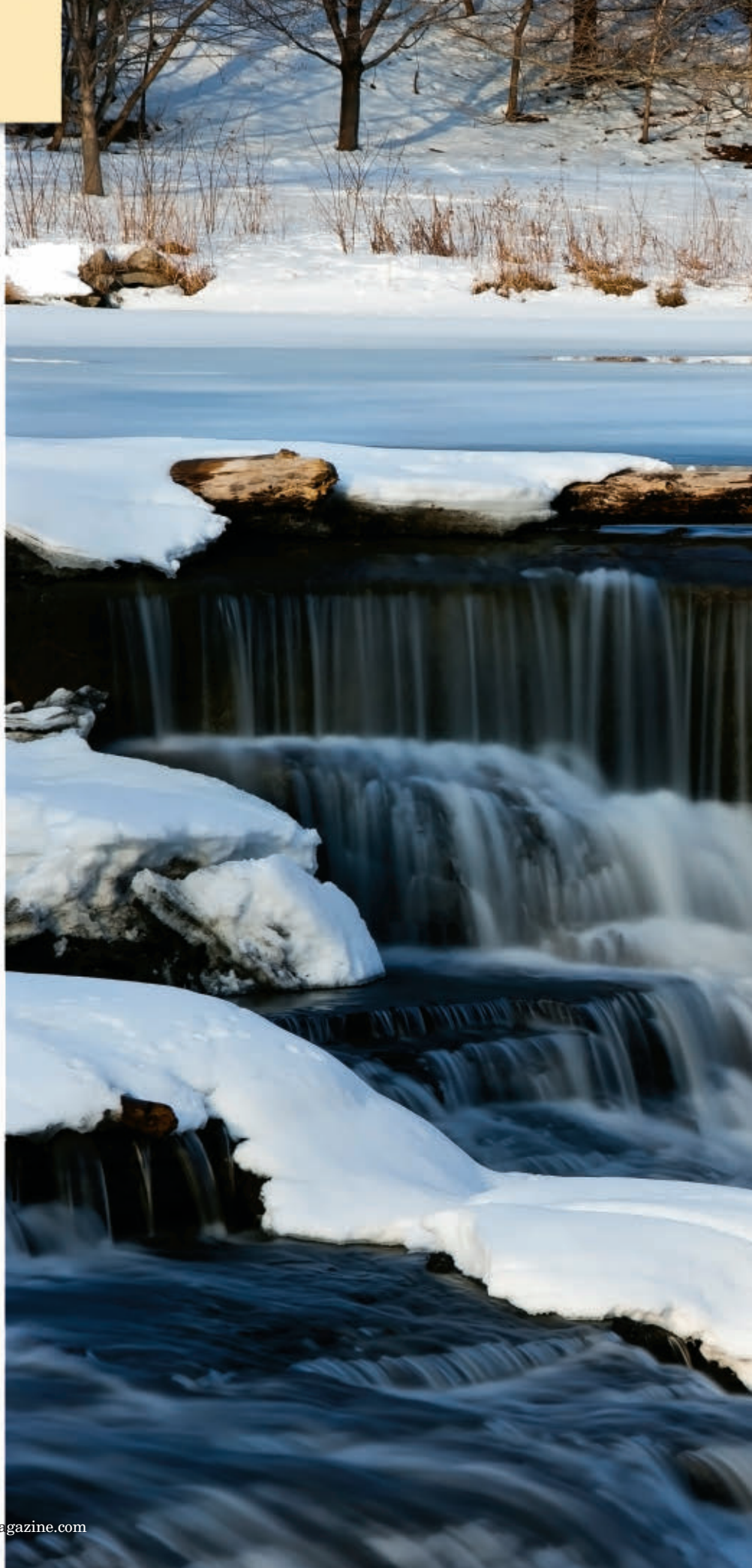
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Ice Age

Biophysics postdoc Thibault Roland took this long-exposure digital photo of Beebe Dam in March 2010—shortly before the installation of suicide-prevention fences that now impede the view. A native of Dijon, France, Roland has been an avid amateur photographer for the past fifteen years. For more of his work, including landscapes, portraits, travel photography, and abstract images, go to www.thibaultroland.com.





Yum!

Moosewood memories hit head and heart . . .
not to mention stomach

I slowly savored Beth Saulnier's mouthwatering repast, "Vegging In" (January/February 2011), about Kroch Library's recent acquisition of the Moosewood Restaurant archives. My introduction to Moosewood's culinary delights occurred during my first week at Cornell, in August 1975, when I was treated to dinner there by a graduate student. Moosewood—and Colleague's long-since-gone Cabbagetown Cafe, also the genius of a Cornellian, Julie Jordan '71—were my favorite Ithaca restaurants, enjoyed with fellow students and family who visited during my undergraduate years. During subsequent Ithaca visits, I have made a point to dine at Moosewood; while its ambiance has changed, its quality endures. As Bob Hope said, "Thanks for the memories!"

Marcie Gitlin '79
New York, New York

Beth Saulnier's article was delightful and prompted many memories of my last year as a grad student in the theatre department. The restaurant quickly became popular with Cornell theater folk, many of whom knew people who worked there. The fans included faculty; Steve Cole, who taught acting, was a regular. I myself knew only Molly Katzen '72, and her only slightly (though well enough that her stunning apple-cheeks remain bright in memory). Incidentally, the "local carpenter" credited with building the restaurant's furniture was Jack Roscoe '71, then a recent Cornell graduate, who set up a business devoted to fine woodworking. His former apartment-mate, the late Chris Romilly '71, was in numerous Cornell productions and later acted in New York City.

Mark Budwig '69
New York, New York

While reading "Vegging In," the words "Zionist, conservative, right-wing guy" nearly stopped my heart. OMG! I

thought. That was close! A Zionist at Brandeis? I broke out in a cold sweat. But then, just at the last moment . . . "He started the Moosewood Restaurant. He might be OK." And I was so, like, totally relieved!

John Elfmont '60, MD
Redondo Beach, California

Ed. Note: And we're so, like, glad to hear it.

The Moosewood feature also inspired some colorful reminiscences at the CAM Online website. A sample:

I was there! Mollie Katzen gave me a ride home to New Hampshire for one school break, and I was so tickled when her famous cookbook came out. It's still a favorite in our house. Thanks for the memories!

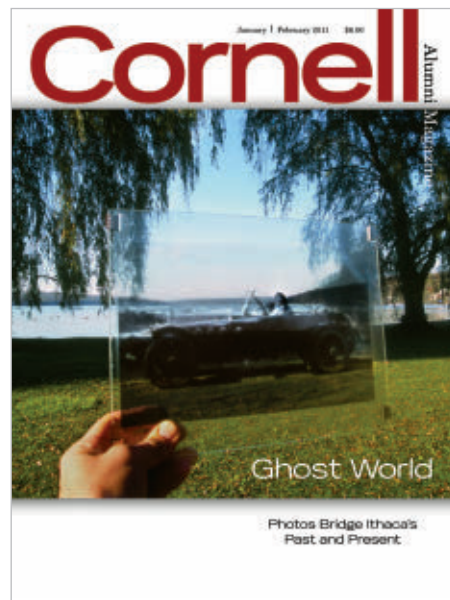
— Anne Wilterdink Morgan '75

Being Western Canadians, we had no connection to Ithaca or to Moosewood, other than as vegetarians. We collected Anna Thomas's book and then Mollie Katzen's twenty-five years ago. Little did we know that one day one of our kids—Marisa Brook '09—would attend Cornell, and that we would be able to enjoy Moosewood in Ithaca. We kept the special commencement menu as a keepsake when we dined there two or three nights in a row. The weather was wonderful, and we were full of excitement, gratitude, and Moosewood's great food! I even tried out a moose call or two (we *are* Canadian) for the benefit of, and to the everlasting embarrassment of, the family.

— David Brook

In My Day . . .

Franklin Crawford's article "Through a Glass, Darkly" (January/February 2011) recalls "Rothschild's department store on



the corner of Aurora and State streets." In my time on the Hill, the Ithaca Hotel was at that location. Rothschild's was at the corner of State and Tioga. Of course, that was before the Commons took over the space. He also wrote: "Trolleys chock full of Cornell students jostle up and down the Buffalo Street hill." Have you ever seen any pictures of trolleys on Buffalo Street? In my day, the trolleys came up the hill on State Street and turned off either at Stewart Avenue or Eddy Street.

The glass must have been pretty dark.

Donald Barnes '43
Syracuse, New York

Counter-Protest

So black students are protesting the merger of the Africana Studies and Research Center with the College of Arts and Sciences (From the Hill, January/February 2011)? Congratulations on reviving that old doctrine of "separate but equal."

Lorna Salzman '56
Brooklyn, New York

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A Champion of Plain English

Remembering Alfred Kahn, 1917–2011

If you can't explain what you're doing in plain English, you're probably doing something wrong."

With those words in a celebrated memo written shortly after he became chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, Alfred Kahn urged the lawyers and economists on his staff to express themselves more clearly when drafting board rulings and letters for his signature.

"Every time you're tempted to use 'herein' or 'hereinabout' or 'hereinunder' or, similarly, 'therein,' 'thereinabove,' or 'thereinunder,' and the corresponding variants," he continued, "try 'here' or 'there' or 'above' or 'below,' and see if it doesn't make just as much sense."

Kahn, who died in December at the age of ninety-three, was almost alone among his fellow economists in his devotion to clear, parsimonious language. The first impulse of many dismal scientists is instead to ask, "Isn't there some way to make this idea more complicated?"

To be sure, the mathematical formalism that has become the hallmark of the discipline has led to progress on some occasions. But it did nothing to prevent the unclear thinking that helped precipitate the current economic crisis. Macroeconomists, in particular, might do well to consider a variant of Kahn's dictum: "If you can't describe what your model says in plain English without provoking derisive laughter, it probably doesn't say anything of value."

Kahn's devotion to clear language was not just a matter of style. He was also one of the profession's clearest thinkers and a leading authority on the economics of regulation. Many disgruntled air travelers remember him unfavorably as the chief architect of commercial airline industry deregulation. But as he was quick to remind critics, planes now fly with many fewer empty seats than they used to, resulting in much lower average fares, after adjusting for the sharp increases in operating costs that have occurred in the interim.

Much less controversial were his earlier efforts to confront consumers with the real cost of the services provided by regulated companies. A case in point was the rate structure faced by electric utility customers. In 1974, when Kahn became chairman of the New York Public Service Commission, the state agency that regulates public utilities, consumers paid the same rate per kilowatt hour for electricity, no matter what time of day, or in what season, they used it. That rate

structure encourages waste, he explained, because electricity is much more expensive to produce and distribute at some times than at others.

Charging the same rate at all times results in utilities serving more of their peak loads with expensive auxiliary generators. If rates during peak demand periods reflected those higher costs, Kahn argued, consumers would face powerful incentives to shift their demands to off-peak periods, thereby saving everyone a lot of money. And, sure enough, in every instance when seasonal and time-of-day rate differentials have been put into effect, electric utilities and their customers have enjoyed enormous cost savings.

Kahn also moved to discontinue the telephone companies' wasteful practice of providing free directory assistance for customers. Directory assistance operators and the equipment they used were costing the companies—and hence ratepayers—a lot of money, even though in most cases they were merely providing numbers that consumers could have easily looked up themselves. Even so, Kahn's proposal to institute a ten-cent charge for each directory-assistance call generated a firestorm of protest. The commission heard solemn testimony that the change would disrupt vital communication networks.

Ever the pragmatist, Kahn amended his proposal by adding a thirty-cent credit on every subscriber's monthly bill, paid for out of the savings made possible by the reduced volume of direc-

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Professor Kahn

tory assistance calls. Opposition to the measure vanished immediately. Today, a return to providing that service without charge would seem unthinkable.

While he respected numbers, he loved words and hated to see them misused. "The passive voice is wildly overused in government writing," Kahn's memo to his Civil Aeronautics Board staff continued. "Typically its purpose is to conceal information—one is less likely to be jailed if one says, 'He was hit by a stone,' than if he says, 'I hit him with a stone,'" he wrote, adding that "the active voice is far more forthright, direct, humane."

Though written long before the Internet age, the memo immediately went viral. It was published verbatim in the *Washington Post*, which also praised it in an accompanying editorial. It generated a marriage proposal from a *Boston Globe* columnist, who gushed: "Alfred Kahn, I love you. I know you're in your late fifties and are married, but let's run away together." A Singapore newspaper suggested that Mr. Kahn be awarded a Nobel Prize. A Kansas City newspaper urged him to run for president. And, shortly after the memo's appearance, he was appointed to the usage panel of the *American Heritage Dictionary*, a position he held until his death.

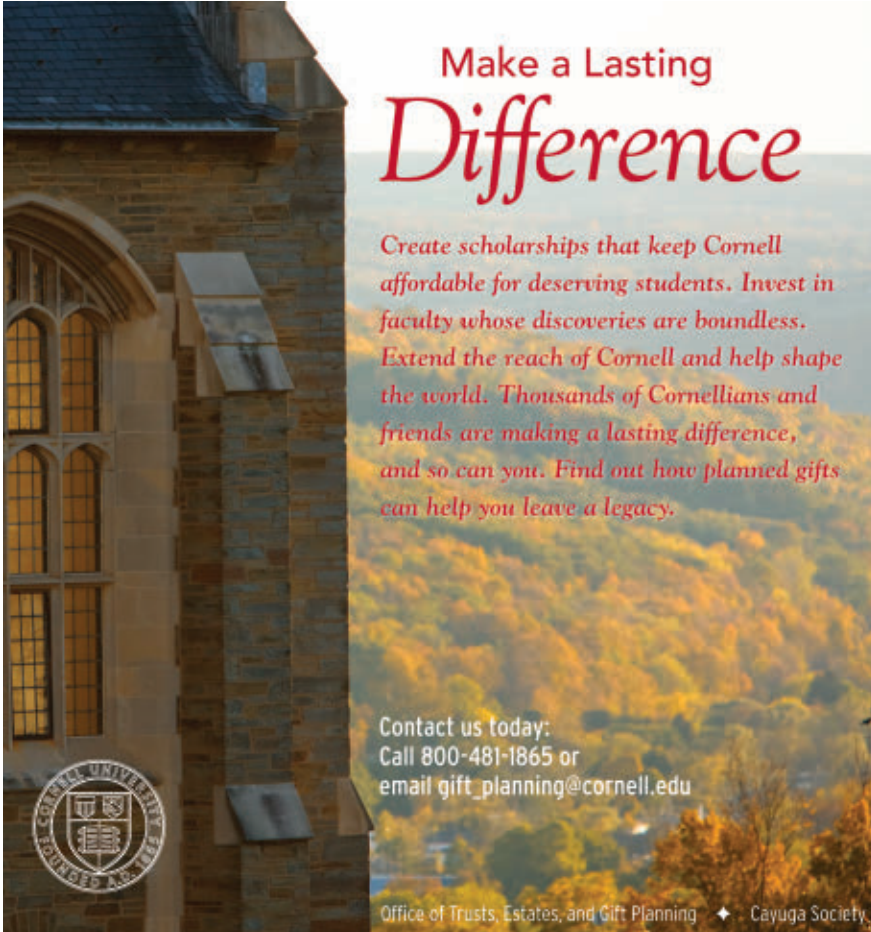
Alfred Kahn was a man of enormous warmth and personal charm. But he was also mindful of the constraints imposed by market forces. When I began teaching at Cornell in 1972, he was dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. A story circulating at the time described an English professor's complaint to him about the high salaries of economics professors. "Perhaps you should consider starting an English consulting firm," he is said to have responded.

I was privileged to serve as Kahn's chief economist at the Civil Aeronautics Board. He was a longtime inspiration to me and countless others. We mourn his passing and feel enormously fortunate to have enjoyed the special glow of his friendship.

— Robert Frank

Robert Frank is the Louis Professor of Management in the Johnson School and the author of such books as *Luxury Fever*, *Falling Behind*, *and The Economic Naturalist's Field Guide*.

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Knowledge is power (and it's not cheap): Next year, tuition in the endowed colleges will rise 4.5 percent.

Giffords, Hileman Recovering After Tucson Shootings

As the nation grappled with the aftermath of the January shootings in Tucson, Cornellians rooted for the recoveries of two of their own. Representative Gabrielle Giffords, the Arizona congresswoman who was the alleged gunman's main target, earned a master's in regional planning from Cornell in 1997. After surviving a gunshot to the brain, Giffords continues to recover at a Houston rehabilitation center.

Also on the mend after the shootings—which left six dead and thirteen wounded—is Susan Annis Hileman '73. A retired social worker who is married to Wilson Hileman '72, “Suzy” Hileman was shot three times but is expected to make a full recovery. In the weeks following the attack, both Hilemans spoke candidly to the media about their grief and horror at the murder of nine-year-old Christina Taylor Green, the gunman's youngest victim. Susan Hileman had invited her young neighbor, who had a nascent interest in politics, to accompany her to the event at which Giffords met with constituents at a Tucson shopping center.

A Year of Undergrad at Cornell Approaches \$55K

All Cornell undergraduates will see a \$1,875 tuition increase next year under an across-the-board hike that the trustees approved in January. According to vice president for planning and budgeting Elmira Mangum, the increase was prompted by a variety of factors, including rising costs and a drop in state support. The increase brings tuition to \$41,325 for students in the endowed colleges and for out-of-staters in the statutory colleges; New York residents will pay statutory tuition of \$25,185. With housing, dining, and mandatory fees, the cost of a year in the endowed colleges will rise 4.5 percent, to \$54,645. Says Mangum: “We are making a concerted effort to streamline operations and reduce expenses, with marked success, and will continue to do so to hold down substantial tuition increases in the future.”

Economist Alfred Kahn Dies



Alfred Kahn

Alfred Kahn, the economist best known for overseeing the deregulation of the airlines during the Carter Administration, died December 27 at ninety-three. His decades on the Hill included terms as chair of the economics department, a member of the Board of Trustees, and dean of Arts and Sciences. Kahn graduated NYU at age eighteen—*summa cum laude* and first in his class—before earning a PhD from Yale. He joined the Cornell faculty in 1947, becoming known not only for his teaching, scholarship, and policy work, but his sense of humor

and dedication to clear language. A lover of light opera, he performed numerous Gilbert and Sullivan character roles with the Cornell Savoyards. (As Kahn told the *New York Times* in an interview quoted in his obituary: “I was a ham.”) Kahn is survived by his wife, Mary, GR ’53–57, three children, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a nephew for whom the couple were legal guardians. For a tribute by colleague Robert Frank, see page 8.

First Grads for India Program

A dual degree program offered by Cornell and India’s Tamil Nadu Agricultural University celebrated its first commencement in January. The ceremony in Coimbatore, India, honoring the Master of Professional Studies graduates was attended by several CALS faculty and staff, including senior associate dean Max Pfeffer and director of international programs Ronnie Coffman, PhD ’71. In his remarks, Pfeffer noted that both schools “strive to contribute to the development of knowledge that informs our understanding of global agriculture and food systems.” The MPS students, who can concentrate in plant science or food science, split their time between the two campuses.

‘Cornell Dots’ Go into Human Trials in Melanoma Patients

“Cornell Dots,” the glowing nanoparticles that show promise in diagnosing and treating cancer, are going into human trials. The FDA has approved an initial trial with five melanoma patients at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City to ascertain that the “C-dots” are safe and effective. “This is the first product of its kind,” says Michelle Bradbury, a radiologist at Sloan-Kettering and a professor at the Medical college. “We want to make sure it does what we expect it to do.” The dots are silica spheres, less than eight nanometers in diameter, that contain dye molecules. Researchers can attach molecules to them that bind to tumor cells, so cancers are pinpointed by the dots’ bright glow during diagnostic scans. Eventually, the dots—which have been tested on mice—could be used to deliver drugs directly to tumors.



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Light it up: Materials science professor Ulrich Wiesner (left) works on C-dots in the lab with grad students Jennifer Drewes and Kai Ma.

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Cold war: In February, a snowball fight on the Arts Quad drew dozens of students—and the Cornell Police, who broke it up.

TINA CHOU / THE CORNELL DAILY SUN



Senior Arrested in \$50K Heroin Bust

In December, an English major and former *Daily Sun* editor was arrested by Ithaca police for allegedly possessing more than five ounces of heroin, with a street value of more than \$50,000. After being apprehended on Stewart Avenue, twenty-six-year-old Keri Blakinger '11 of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was charged with second-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a Class A-II felony. On her Facebook page, Blakinger lists two quotes, one by Kurt Vonnegut '44 about his days at the *Daily Sun*, the other by Hunter S. Thompson from the movie *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*. "I knew it was a crime," the latter says. "I did it anyway."

Engineering Offers Sustainability Minor

Starting this academic year, the Engineering college is offering a minor in sustainable energy systems. According to engineering professor Teresa Jordan, who helped develop it, the minor aims to view energy studies broadly, as interacting systems. Overseen by the School of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, the minor will include courses in that discipline as well as in earth and atmospheric sciences and mechanical and aerospace engineering. Like most minors, it is open to all undergrads.



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Modern family: *An Old Fashioned Garden* by Maurice Prendergast (in a Charles Prendergast frame) will be on display at the Johnson Museum in "Light and Shadow: American Modernist Paintings and Drawings" from April 2 to July 31.

Give My Regards To...

These Cornellians in the News

President **David Skorton**, named to a two-year term on the board of directors of the American Association of Medical Colleges.

Jeanne Hardebeck '93, a research geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey, winner of a Presidential Early Career Award for her work on earthquake prediction and assessment.

Electrical and computer engineering professor **Michal Lipson**, an expert in nanophotonics, winner of a Blavatnik Award for Young Scientists from the New York Academy of Sciences.

The **Cornell Food Science Club**, which won first prize at the annual Nutritious Foods for Kids Competition with its entry, vegetable-flavored pasta in sealife shapes inspired by the Disney film *Finding Nemo*.

Fiber science and apparel design major **John Sohn '11**, winner of a \$25,000 Geoffrey Beene Scholarship for his concept of a mobile clothing and accessories store modeled after trendy urban food trucks.

Professors **Itai Cohen** (physics), **William Dichtel** (chemistry and

chemical biology), **Tobias Hanrath** (chemical and biomolecular engineering), **Eun-Ah Kim** (physics), and **Cynthia Reinhart-King** (biomedical engineering), winners of NSF Faculty Early Career Development Awards.

Harris Rosen '61, president and COO of Rosen Hotels and Resorts in Orlando, Florida, named Cornell Entrepreneur of the Year.

Professors **Harry Greene** (ecology and evolutionary biology), **Paul Sawyer** (English), **Robert Smith** (labor economics), and **Robert Thorne** (physics), named Stephen Weiss Presidential Fellows by the Board of Trustees.

Anthony Carpi, PhD '97, a professor of environmental toxicology at CUNY's John Jay College, winner of a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring from the NSF.

Professors **Steven Ealick** (chemistry and chemical biology), **Thomas Fox '71** (genetics), **Kent Fuchs** (electrical and computer engineering), and **Bruce Ganem** (chemistry and chemical biology), elected fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Custodians **Cheryl Cummings**, **Eileen Evans**, **Vy Merritt**, **Tom Orzel**, **Yaroslav Sikora**, and **Don Sutfin**, winners of the annual Bartels Award for Custodial Service Excellence.

CAM's Jack Krieger '49 Dies

Jack Krieger '49, an active Hotel school alumnus and former publisher of this magazine, passed away in Ithaca on January 14. He was eighty-six. A member of the Army Air Corps in World War II, Krieger piloted a B-26 Martin Marauder on forty missions. His career included work for golf course architect Robert Trent Jones, Sp Ag '28-30, the co-founding of *Patient Care* magazine, and partnership in a Connecticut real estate business. After retiring to Ithaca, Krieger lived in an apartment building next door to the CAM offices—often dropping in to say hello and reminisce—and became a daily fixture at the Ithaca Coffee Company, where CAM staff often found him holding court. He will be sorely missed. In addition to his wife, Susan, Krieger is survived by three adult children and their families.



CORNELL CHRONICLE

Jack Krieger '49

Faculty Memorials Online

When civil engineering professor William Cleveland died in 1873, his fellow faculty members wrote a tribute to his life and career that was recorded in the faculty minutes. Ever since then, the death of every Cornell faculty member has been memorialized by his or her colleagues. In 1941, all of the memorials to date were collected by Cornelius Betten '31, PhD '36, dean of the faculty, in a book titled *Necrology of the Faculty*. Now the contents of that volume and all subsequent memorial statements—more than 1,400 in all—are available online at the University Library website, thanks to the efforts of the Internet-First University Press, led by J. Robert Cooke and Kenneth King. To access the memorials, go to: <http://ecommons.cornell.edu/handle/1813/17811>.

Students Volunteer DNA for Genographic Project

Two hundred undergrads—chosen from more than 600 volunteers—are having their DNA tested as part of a project launched in February. The students had cheek swabs taken, and the samples will be analyzed by National Geographic's Genographic Project, a global study of humanity's migration history. At an event on campus in April, anthropologist Spencer Wells will give a lecture on test results. Wells, National Geographic's Explorer-in-Residence, is a Frank H. T. Rhodes Class of '56 Professor.



MARILYN RIVCHIN

Gene shorts: Students get swabbed.

R&D

More information on campus research is available at www.news.cornell.edu

Researchers at the Medical college have developed a vaccine that blocks a cocaine high in mice. The treatment, which combines bits of the common cold virus with a particle that mimics the addictive drug, is hoped to go into human trials quickly.

Regular consumption of green tea can alter how other flavors are perceived by boosting astringent sensations and sensitivity to acids, says food science professor Karl Siebert.

Confirming a long-held assumption, a Cornell study has proven that pollinating insects and birds help drive the evolution of flowers via natural selection. Evolutionary biologist Andre Kessler and colleagues focused on a plant called the foxglove beardtongue.

Social networking tools are an invitation to prevarication, with up to 10 percent of text messages containing falsehoods. Communication professors Jeff Hancock and Jeremy Birnholtz, who won a \$460,000 NSF grant to explore how people use technology to manage their availability, say that one-fifth of texted tall tales are "butler lies" used as social buffers.

PhD student Seth Marvel, MS '09, has produced a mathematical model that shows how groups split into factions. The work, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, applies to situations ranging from social conflicts to the formation of the Axis and Allied powers.

The University is one of a consortium of institutions investigating the potential to develop biofuels from algae under a \$9 million grant from the Department of Energy. The project includes the development of a 100-acre commercial-scale production facility by 2015.

Creativity can actually prevent executives from achieving leadership positions. According to ILR professor Jack Goncalo, "Creative people are getting filtered out on their way to the top" because they're seen as risky and unpredictable.

In an article in *Nature*, marine ecologist Drew Harvell reports that the loss of species due to factors like pollution and climate change is dangerous to human health, since the ones most likely to disappear are those that buffer against infectious disease transmission.

Crumbling school buildings can have a deleterious effect on student performance, say design and environmental analysis Gary Evans and colleagues. Examining 511 public elementary schools in New York City, they found that independent of race or socioeconomic status, students in aging school buildings had lower test scores, possibly due to absenteeism.

Economist David Easley and finance professor Maureen O'Hara have developed a formula to predict—and possibly help prevent—so-called "flash crashes" of the stock market. In May 2010, one such crash erased nearly \$1 trillion in value.



TIM MCKINNEY

Brianne Jenner

Big Games

January 28–29, 2011

By crushing Union 8-0 and RPI 6-0 on successive nights, the women's hockey team ran their record to 22-1, setting a new high for regular-season wins—with six games left to play. Currently ranked Number 2 in the USCHO.com national poll, the Big Red women have dominated opponents all season, outscoring them by the amazing margin of 107 to 16. Their only defeat came on November 2, when they fell to Mercyhurst 4-3 in overtime. When the two teams met again on January 18, Cornell won 3-0—one of 13 shutouts they've recorded so far. The offensive leaders have been **Rebecca Johnston '11** (18 goals, 16 assists) and **Brianne Jenner '13** (17 goals, 16 assists); goal-tending duties have been split among **Amanda Mazzotta '12** (0.92 goals-against average, .953 save percentage), **Lauren Slebodnick '14** (.026, .985), and **Katie Wilson '11** (1.00, .913).



MCKINNEY

Lauren Slebodnick

Sports Shorts

EXTENDED RUN Former Big Red standout **Matt Moulson '06** signed a three-year contract extension with the New York Islanders in January, worth a reported \$9.4 million. Moulson, a second-team All-American as a senior, led the Islanders in scoring with 30 goals during the 2009–10 season, his first with the team after being traded by the Los Angeles Kings.



KEVIN ZEISE

Matt Moulson

RIDING HIGH In January, the wrestling team won the National Duals for the first time, sweeping four matches at what is considered the unofficial collegiate dual-meet championship. The Big Red opened with an easy win over Ohio State before squeaking by Missouri 18-15 and Minnesota 20-16. In the final, Cornell handed seventh-seeded Virginia Tech a 25-10 loss, taking seven of 10 weight classes, led by a pin by **Mack Lewnes '11** at 174 pounds. Cornell hopes to win its first NCAA national title when it competes at the Division I Championships, where wrestlers qualify individually, in March.

TOP HONORS Director of rowing **Todd Kennett '91** earned kudos from around the country for leading the Big Red to one of its most successful years ever. Kennett was honored at the 18th Annual Joy of Sculling Coaching Conference as the 2010 University Men's Coach of the Year, sharing the honor with Syracuse head coach Dave Reischman. Kennett led Cornell to a third-place finish at the IRA Regatta, with all four boats reaching the finals.

UPSET WINNER Despite being an unseeded entry, Cornell men's tennis player **Jeremy Feldman '11** won the USTA Hardscrabble Tournament in Flushing Meadows, New York, in November. Feldman won his first four matches without dropping a set before securing the championship when his finals opponent withdrew due to injury.

WHISTLE BLOWERS A pair of Cornell athletics alumni are succeeding on the sidelines. Former quarterback **Jim Hofher '79**, who served as the Big Red's head football coach from 1990 to 1997, completed his

second season as offensive coordinator at the University of Delaware, helping the Blue Hens to a 12-3 season and a spot in the NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) title game. On the hardwood, **Jeff Jackson '83** is turning around the men's basketball program at Furman. In his first year as head coach, Jackson led the Paladins to 15 wins; he had matched that win total before the end of January this season.

ELITE ICERS Two more Cornellians have joined the distinguished group selected as the top 50 players in the 50-year history of the ECAC Hockey League. The fourth group of honorees named included **Lance Nethery '79**, Cornell's career scoring leader with 271 points in 111 games. He was a two-time All-American and the ECAC Player of the Year in 1978. Also honored was defenseman **Douglas Murray '03**, who twice earned All-American honors and helped the Big Red advance to the Frozen Four in 2003, its first such appearance in more than 20 years.



Patrick Shanahan
Jeremy Feldman

IRON WOMAN At the World Championships in Hawaii, **Leslie Simon Knibb '85** finished her 2010 Ironman Triathlon season by placing 11th in her age group with a time of 11 hours, 2 minutes, and 13 seconds for the event, which includes 2.4 miles of swimming, 112 miles of cycling, and 26.2 miles of running. Knibb qualified for the world championships by winning her age group at the Iron Man Triathlon Lake Placid, where she completed the course in 10:43:54 to top the 103 women between 45 and 49.

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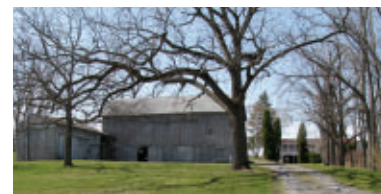
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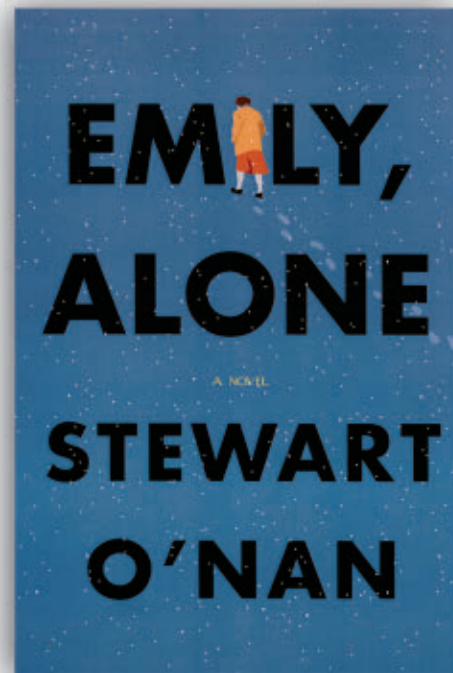
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Ripeness Is All

Emily, Alone by Stewart O’Nan, MFA ’92 (Viking)

After the death of her husband, Emily Maxwell stops driving, and her life narrows down to a diminishing number of routines, including a weekly trip with her sister-in-law, Arlene, to a two-for-one breakfast buffet. But when Arlene suffers a stroke, Emily realizes her world needs to open up. She stops isolating herself in her Pittsburgh neighborhood and starts engaging with her surroundings again: the city’s planetarium, the art museum, her family. In his twelfth novel—the sequel to *Wish You Were Here*—O’Nan paints an unsentimental portrait of an octogenarian who reaches beyond her own concerns to become a full participant in life.



Ithaca Farmers Market Cookbook by Michael Turback ’66 (Farm Fresh Books). The Ithaca Farmers Market is not only a great place to find fresh fruits and vegetables, crafts, and prepared food, it’s a model for farmers’ markets around the country. It also stands at the forefront of the local food movement, and its vendors practice the thirty-mile rule: every item for sale must be grown or produced within a thirty-mile radius of Ithaca. Author and restaurateur Michael Turback, who helped popularize cooking with local ingredients at his signature restaurant, profiles the market’s vendors and chefs and offers 100 of their best recipes.



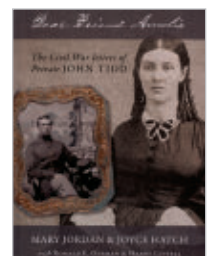
Composing While Dancing by Melinda Buckwalter ’83 (Wisconsin). “If a dance is ephemeral, at least it is repeatable, but an improvised dance has the possibility of changing from moment to moment,” writes Buckwalter, the co-editor of *Contact Quarterly*. Trying to capture the essence of improvisation, she studied with choreographers and dancers to get a feel for their practices. “This book was researched with my body,” she writes. Buckwalter explores the varied techniques and methods of twenty-six artists whose work is representative of the field of contemporary dance improvisation. She also describes ways for dancers to develop their own practices.



The Mangrove Tree by Susan L. Roth & Cindy Trumbore ’78; edited by Louise May ’68 (Lee & Low). This picture book highlights the work of Gordon Sato, an American biologist who taught the people of coastal Hargigo, Eritrea, to plant mangrove trees in seawater. Mangrove leaves provide fodder for sheep and goats, and the roots offer hiding places for small fish and shellfish. The trees—now more than a million planted in Hargigo alone—have improved the economic lives of the villagers. Sato has started similar projects in Mauritania and Morocco, and hopes to bring the benefits of mangrove forests to other desert areas.



Dear Friend Amelia by Mary Jordan & Joyce Hatch with Ronald E. Ostman & Harry Littell (Six Mile Creek). Jordan, an administrative assistant in Cornell’s Department of Developmental Sociology, received the Civil War letters of John Tidd, a private in the 109th New York Volunteers, shortly after they were discovered inside the walls of a Tompkins County house in 1972. Tidd’s moving letters to his friend Amelia Haskell reveal the routine of a soldier’s life and his experiences in such battles as the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, and Cold Harbor, and trench warfare during the Siege of Petersburg.



Fiction

Journal of a UFO Investigator by David Halperin '69 (Viking). In a novel about the illusions we create to ward off death, young Danny Shapiro becomes obsessed with UFOs to escape the reality of his mother's terminal illness.

Haywire by Thaddeus Rutkowski '76 (Starcherone). The narrator of Rutkowski's third novel tells an offbeat and often disturbing coming of age story with dry wit and a keen eye for absurdity.

Non-Fiction

If I Were Your Daddy, This Is What You'd Learn compiled by Julia Espey (Courtland). As one of the thirty-five men who offer advice on fatherhood, Rick Lipsey '89, golf writer for *Sports Illustrated* and Bhutan's first full-time golf teacher, talks about the importance of teaching his children the Golden Rule and instilling them with an "attitude of gratitude."

Human Trafficking by Louise Shelley '72 (Cambridge). The founder and director of the Terrorism, Transnational Crime, and Corruption Center at George Mason University exposes the factors that have given rise to the phenomenal growth of human trafficking since the mid-Eighties, including globalization and the end of the Cold War.

The Kabbalah Reader edited by Edward Hoffman '71 (Trumpeter). The Kabbalah is not "something existing only in the musty past like the legendary golem preserved in Rabbi Judah Loew's great Prague synagogue," asserts Hoffman, a psychologist and adjunct professor at Yeshiva University, "but rather an energetic, ongoing tradition."

G. Evelyn Hutchinson and the Invention of Modern Ecology by Nancy G. Slack '52, MS '54 (Yale). A professor emerita of biology at the Sage Colleges provides the first full-length biography of Hutchinson, the Anglo-American ecologist who was famous not only for his studies of freshwater lakes but also as the literary executor of Rebecca West.

Sports Justice by Roger I. Abrams '67 (Northeastern University Press). A law professor at Northeastern University analyzes controversial court decisions that changed the business of professional sports and protected athletes' rights.

Medical Imaging by Harry LeVine III '71 (Greenwood). While tracing the development of diagnostic imaging from the discovery of X-rays to today's MRIs, positron emission tomography, and single photon

emission computed tomography, an associate professor of biochemistry at the University of Kentucky also explores how these technologies contribute to rising health-care costs.

Trial in Action by Joane Garcia-Colson, Fredilyn Sison '85, and Mary Peckham (Trial Guides). An attorney with the Federal Defenders of Western North Carolina and her co-authors offer tips on becoming a more effective trial lawyer by using techniques of psychodrama.

The Secret History of Extraterrestrials by Len Kasten '55 (Bear & Co.). A UFO researcher examines abduction accounts, reported contacts with ETs, and alleged government cover-ups of alien encounters, and profiles John Mack and other well-known investigators of extraterrestrial phenomena.

Spiritually Healthy Divorce by Carolyn Call '86, PhD '04 (Skylight Paths). A guide for turning the pain of divorce into a transformative experience.



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Bow, Wow!

Professor Dan Fletcher's high-tech canine simulator is a veterinary first

Jessica Dowling '03 was in charge of the medical team when a young mixed-breed dog came into the emergency room after being hit by a car. The animal, named Jerry, had no heartbeat and wasn't breathing. She and her colleagues gave him the resuscitative drugs epinephrine and atropine and performed CPR for twelve minutes in the hope of saving his life. "You look at your watch and say, 'Has it really been only thirty seconds?' " Dowling recalls. "It felt like it had been three hours."

In the end, Dowling and her team saved the dog's life—or, rather, his virtual one. Their patient was RoboJerry, a first-of-its-kind veterinary simulator designed by emergency medicine professor Dan Fletcher. Covered in brown fur with a lolling rubber tongue, RoboJerry helps train vet students, interns, residents, and technicians in emergency response techniques—offering a bridge between classroom work and front-line experience at Cornell's veterinary teaching hospital.

"I've consistently found that if I'm standing in the hallway talking to students about what they're supposed to do, they can easily rattle off, 'I would put a catheter in, I would give fluids, I would look at the blood work,' but when a case comes in and it's in bad shape, they completely freeze up," Fletcher says, stroking RoboJerry's synthetic fur in his lab in the basement of Cornell's Companion Animal Hospital. "This is an intermediate step. After the didactic training, you bring them into the lab so they can practice on this guy and get a sense of what it's like to deal with things in real time—to practice touching and handling and listening to him, going to the crash cart and drawing up the drugs. It's in no way meant to replace clinical experience, which is crucial, but to give them some extra training so they're more comfortable when it comes time to work with real patients and talk to real clients."

Simulators have long been used in human medicine, with computerized robotic "patients" becoming increasingly sophisticated. But those used in veterinary training are still rudimentary, Fletcher says, consisting of static models used to practice basic techniques like performing CPR or inserting a breathing tube. To make RoboJerry, Fletcher used grant funding from Cornell's Faculty Innovation and Teaching Program to purchase a \$25,000 human simulator, which he disassembled; he then inserted some of the components into a static canine

simulator, Critical Care Jerry, made by a California-based company called Rescue Critters.

With the help of a student from the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, Fletcher cracked open the canine mannequin's foam core and inserted sensors and actuators from the human model. Now, RoboJerry's chest rises and falls, he has a pulse in his groin area, and he can be given drugs and IV fluids (they empty into a bag through tubes near his tail). As the students treat him, his vital signs are displayed in real time on an adjacent monitor. "It's a stuffed dog attached to some plastic tubing and it doesn't look that realistic, but you still felt like you had an animal dying in front of you," recalls Dowling, a fourth-year student who will serve in the U.S. Army vet corps after graduation. "As soon as Dr. Fletcher left the room, it felt like a realistic, stressful situation. Even though it was a stuffed dog, everyone was still serious about making the animal's heart start beating again. Psychologically, you felt like you'd saved someone's pet."

Fletcher uses the software from the human simulator to control RoboJerry's vital functions, programming preset emergency scenarios that the students must handle. So far, all the scenarios allow for a happy ending—as long as the student doctors make the right decisions. "The first scenario is usually not so good," he says, "but by the time we do the third one, the difference is amazing."

Since Fletcher unveiled RoboJerry in the spring of 2010, more than 100 students have "treated" him, and he has gone on the road to veterinary medical conferences. But the more he's used, Fletcher says, the more his limitations become apparent; for one thing, his foam core makes him stiff as a corpse, even when he's "alive." So Fletcher is seeking additional funding to develop a next-generation version with more sophisticated capabilities and fully articulated joints. (He has also built a feline version—dubbed RoboFluffy—but since he has only one set of computerized innards, only one simulator can be used at any given time.) "The veterinary market is tiny compared to the human market, and we don't have nearly as much money as they do in human medicine," Fletcher notes. "For a large human teaching hospital to buy a \$100,000 simulator is not a big deal, but in a veterinary teaching hospital it's never going to happen."

With the help of students from the Johnson School, Fletcher is surveying vet schools, vet tech



JASON KOSKI / UP

programs, and continuing education programs in the hope of convincing one of the three major makers of human simulators that the veterinary market is viable, so RoboJerry might someday go into wide production. He notes that such a simulator might also be useful to the military or to police departments who employ working dogs. "It's not like having a real dog in front of you, but it's pretty close," says Fletcher, himself the owner of two Great Danes weighing a combined 260 pounds. "It's fun to watch the students, because they get into it—they suspend their disbelief and they're really in the moment."

For Dowling, the exercise's biggest challenge wasn't so much the animal in front of her, but the humans beside her—making

the team work together smoothly under the pressure of an emergency situation. "If you don't communicate well, if one person doesn't do something correctly, the whole thing could fall apart," she says. Giving students the freedom to fail—in a training-wheels environment where there's no bleeding dog on the table or weeping owner in the waiting room—is one of RoboJerry's biggest assets, Fletcher says. "The students can be completely in charge," he says. "I don't have to intervene at all, because they can't hurt RoboJerry. Well, they can; they've broken him a few times. But luckily, he's not a real dog, so it's OK. He can be fixed."

— Beth Saulnier



Ruff handling: A team including fourth-year vet students Rebecca Bean (left) and Julian Castaneda (center) tries to resuscitate RoboJerry.

Walking-Around Money

From pearl-encrusted bridal sandals to \$100,000 pumps, Vanessa Noel '84, BFA '86, designs some very fancy footwear



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Diamonds on the soles of her shoes? Well, almost. Swarovski crystal-encrusted boots with four-inch heels are just one way for Vanessa Noel '84, BFA '86, to, as the Paul Simon song goes, “lose these walking blues.” Lovingly displayed in the couture shoe designer’s store on New York’s Upper East Side, Noel’s creations bring princess—and sexpot—fantasies to life for her well-heeled customers, from socialites to movie stars.

Ruby slippers? Even better: One buyer plunked down \$100,000 for one-of-a-kind black satin pumps encrusted with gold-set rubies. (“They were purchased by a man for the woman in his life,” Noel says, declining to identify him.) For \$550

to \$2,500, brides can walk down the aisle in sandals, pumps, or mules festooned with pearls. The more sensual side of her collection includes (for a cool \$24,000) black over-the-knee stretch alligator boots. The look was made famous by the consummate seductress, “Sex and the City” star Kim Cattrall, who wore them with a white mink coat in a promotional shot for the TV show’s first spin-off movie. No wonder *New York Magazine* enthused that “Vanessa Noel wants women to let their inner vamp show all the way down to their toes.”

Shoes are works of art to Noel, to be admired and salivated over as much as any sparkling piece of jewelry. And like many indulgences, they don’t come cheap—though the price tags don’t deter

the wealthy fashionistas who have been known to scoop up three pairs of Noel’s over-the-knee gators at once. “The love is in the art form that shoes take on,” she explains in her six-story townhouse, which includes an incongruously low-key store where shoppers can settle into comfy couches while they try on shoes, or stop by with their dogs to schmooze in the coffee-and-treat bar in the back. “A shoe on a shelf is sometimes absolutely intoxicating.”

Noel’s design studio is on the top floor of the townhouse; the view includes a glimpse of notorious Ponzi schemer Bernard Madoff’s former penthouse. Sketches for next fall’s designs are tacked onto the walls and piled onto a drafting table ahead of a trip to the tanneries she

Something’s afoot: Vanessa Noel '84, BFA '86, designs couture shoes that grace the feet of movie stars and socialites. Prices range from the hundreds to upwards of \$100,000.

uses in Italy. Featured prominently are metallic mesh patterns she calls “Park Avenue S & M,” inspired by a recent visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art’s arms-and-armor collection.

A fine arts major in the College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, Noel (who was known as Vanessa Ginley at Cornell and uses her middle name as her professional surname) knew her future was in footwear when she began work on her senior thesis, a series of self-portraits—half of them as shoes. “I had always adored shoes, the way they make a woman feel,” she says, dressed in the New York uniform of black pants, short suede boots (hers, of course), and sweater-cape. “Footwear can change your whole body image and personality. I found that fascinating. So my thesis was about my interpretation of shoes as self-portraiture, analyzing myself in that way.”

Noel grew up in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania; her father was a surgeon, her mother a homemaker and philanthropist who supported area museums. Noel launched her business in 1987 with family funding, gaining a following among celebrity fashion plates including Oprah Winfrey, Sarah Jessica Parker, Gwyneth Paltrow, and Halle Berry. For six years, Noel collaborated with luxury clothing designer Chado Ralph Rucci, her footwear gracing his runway models at the Paris fashion shows. Like Rucci, who uses feathers and taffeta in his designs, Noel plays with tactile, sometimes exotic materials. In addition to gemstones, Noel favors reptile skins—alligator, lizard, whip snake, and the Southeast Asian karung snake—as well as feathers and furs. Her short stretch-alligator boots enveloped in chinchilla fur are so soft, admirers may ask to pet your feet (which may be the point). In other designs, such as six-inch black platforms tattooed with tiny, caviar-like Swarovski crystals, the effect is more subtle, but just as deliberately sexy. “They’re all delicious, luxurious, beautiful items to be used as adornments,” Noel says of the materials she uses.

There was never any question that Noel would produce only couture—high-end luxury goods. While designers like Isaac Mizrahi create lines for affordable stores such as H&M, Noel sees such endeavors as a dilution of her identity. “I consider myself a true luxury brand—I’m not a commercial luxury label,” she says. “It’s like total urban or total country; there is no suburbia. Middle ground is very normal and there’s no real artistry to it in my mind.” While the depressed economy hasn’t inspired her to lower her

prices, this fall Noel will roll out shoe accessories including fur ankle-boot wraps to be swapped on and off “for fashion and recession purposes.”

In 2002, Noel branched out into the lodging industry, opening the eight-room Vanessa Noel Hotel on Nantucket, where she spent her childhood summers and has a shoe store. “The island was attracting a high-end clientele that needed a luxurious, charming place to stay,” she says. She eventually bought the property next door and in 2006 opened a second, “green” hotel; both trade in her customary luxury, though

the eco-friendly location sports furnishings made from bamboo, cardboard, and other recycled and energy-saving materials.

But shoes are still her first love. Between the glamour that celebrities like Rihanna and Lady Gaga are bringing back to fashion and signs that the wealthy are ready to attend—and dress up for—gala benefits after a recessionary lag, Noel is feeling confident in her vision. “For the first time in a long time, glam is coming back,” she says. “People want to come out of the doldrums.”

— Jordan Lite



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Honey, I'm home: According to biology professor Thomas Seeley, bees offer insight into human behavior.

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What can honeybees teach us about democracy?

For forty years, Thomas Seeley has explored the mysteries of honeybees, studying their intricate waggle dances, mating rituals, and swarm clouds. But since the publication of his latest book, *Honeybee Democracy*, the Cornell biologist's observations on *Apis mellifera* have attracted questions on the behavior of *Homo sapiens* from management consultants, money managers, and business editors clamoring for advice.

What lessons, they ask, can businesses learn about group decision-making from the processes honeybees follow when they confront the life-or-death challenge of finding a new home for their hive? As Seeley's research shows, though individual bees have limited brain power, their collective reasoning allows the colony to choose the best nesting site about 90 percent of the time. "It is a democratic process that humans—especially office

drones—might do well to emulate," Seeley wrote in an article entitled "The Five Habits of Highly Effective Hives" published in *Harvard Business Review* in November.

The honeybees' search for a new home begins in late spring or early summer when the hive becomes overpopulated and two-thirds of the workers and the old queen fly off in a swarm and cluster on a nearby tree branch. Several hundred scout bees then search up to five miles away for a space inside a living tree that is some forty liters in volume and ten meters off the ground. When scouts find promising locations, they return to advertise their finds by performing waggle dances indicating the site's desirability and location. A bee that has spotted an optimal cavity, for example, will do a dance with 300 circuits lasting up to ten minutes; a dance for a less suitable site will include up to thirty circuits and take only a minute.

After the first scouts have reported in, a second wave flies off to inspect the potential sites. If they agree with the initial assessments, they return and join in the dances. Eventually, after a day or two, interest builds up for the best location and the scouts from the winning site make a piping sound to signal a choice has been made. In about an hour, the swarm moves to its new home. "What the bees have evolved in terms of collective decision-making is solving a problem where each person has a piece of the information," says Seeley, a professor of neurobiology and behavior. "That's often the case in committee meetings, and it also occurs in business settings."

One aspect of the honeybees' collective reasoning that has generated interest in the business world is the absence of leadership. While the scouts are recruiting supporters for their chosen sites, the queen bee is safely ensconced in the cen-

ter of the swarm and has no input into the selection process. “What these bees do is deeply counterintuitive,” says Michael Mauboussin, chief investment strategist at Legg Mason Capital Management, who invited Seeley to speak to a group of clients at a conference last October. “They are solving difficult problems, and there is no leadership at all.”

Most human groups operate with a leader, but Seeley cautions that he or she should serve as a moderator and not a proselytizer, to optimize the power of collective choice. In *Honeybee Democracy*, published in October, Seeley uses the decision by President George W. Bush to invade Iraq as an example of failed collective reasoning. As Seeley argues, after Bush told his foreign policy team that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction and should be removed, his advisers, intent on pleasing him, did little to question his thinking and “squandered their opportunity to use group intelligence.”

Another key principle that businesses can borrow from bees is the need for group members to reach their evaluations independently. “Sometimes in companies you get this cascading effect where one opinion is voiced and then somebody else links their opinion to it, and you end up where you don’t really want to be,” says Michael O’Malley, a management consultant and author of *The Wisdom of Bees: What the Hive Can Teach Business About Leadership Efficiency and Growth*. “To avoid that, the bees make their own individual assessment. They go out and look at the site and decide if they want to vote for it. Independence of the decisions is critical to being right.”

One reason the bees cooperate so effectively is that they share a common goal: the colony’s survival. While members of human groups rarely have their interests so narrowly aligned, Seeley says this disadvantage can be overcome by insuring that committees or boards are composed of individuals who respect others, make constructive comments, and engage in vigorous debate.

Seeley’s conviction that the principles demonstrated by the bees increases the reliability of decision-making by humans is not mere theory. As chair of the Department of Neurobiology and Behavior from 2005 to 2008, he introduced many of the bees’ practices at monthly faculty meetings—including having frank and open debates and using secret ballots to reduce the influence of peer pressure. “It seemed to work well,” Seeley says, “and we’re still using those methods today.”

— Sherrie Negrea



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News flash: Huey Lewis (far right), a.k.a. Hugh Cregg '72, with the band

Back in Time

Huey Lewis digs his roots

When he enrolled in the Engineering college, he was Hugh Anthony Cregg '72, a bright kid who had grown up in Marin County, California, and gone to prep school in New Jersey. He stuck around for a couple of years, enjoying the late-Sixties scene in Ithaca, before packing up his harmonicas and heading back to the Bay Area. Then he joined a band and changed his name to Huey Lewis. After an unsuccessful foray into the English pub-rock scene, he returned to California and settled in with some local players in a band called Huey Lewis and the News. They had some big hits—“Heart and Soul,” “The Power of Love,” “I Want a New Drug”—and released eight albums between 1980 and 2001.

The band is now “semi-retired,” but they traveled to Ardent Studios in Memphis last year to cut a new album, *Soulsville*, for W.O.W. Records. It has no new material—instead, it’s a collection of tunes from the catalogue of Stax Records, the soul music label from the Sixties that was the home of Otis Redding, Johnnie Taylor, the Staple Singers, Booker T. and the MGs, and many other outstanding artists. In a way, it’s a throwback to the music that was in the air when young Mr. Cregg was at Cornell—and it sounds great.

Wisely, Lewis and his band-mates avoided the familiar Stax hits and chose lesser-known gems like Eddie Floyd’s “Never Found a Girl,” Rufus Thomas’s “Little Sally Walker,” and Wilson Pickett’s “Don’t Let the Green Grass Fool You.” The playing is heartfelt and solidly in the groove, the production is crisp, and Huey is in fine voice throughout. All in all, it’s a terrific effort that takes us back in time while still sounding fresh and contemporary.

Voting with Their Pocketbooks

Law professor **Robert Hockett** aims to raise money for the neediest Americans—while protesting tax cuts for the richest

Around New Year's, in the wake of Congress's two-year extension of the tax cuts passed a decade ago under President George W. Bush, law professor Robert Hockett and two Yale faculty made a splash in the national media with a radical idea. Combining fundraising with political protest, they launched a website—GiveItBackForJobs.org—that allows people to calculate their tax savings and donate the money to charities such as Goodwill and Habitat for Humanity. A professor of business law, Hockett focuses his scholarly work on economic justice—and, he says, “tax policy is one of the principal means through which a government acts upon the prevailing view of just economic relations.” He spoke to CAM in January from Paris, where he was giving a three-week lecture series at the Sorbonne. As of mid-February, the site had raised more than \$2 million.

Cornell Alumni Magazine: Your website has drawn a great deal of media coverage, including stories in the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, Huffington Post, ABC News, and MSNBC. Why so much interest?

Robert Hockett: I have to confess it has turned out to be rather bigger than I expected. It seems to have struck a nerve. That makes us hopeful that it might generate a more thoughtful, reflective, careful national debate on what taxes are for, what tax policy is for, and what ought to be done with tax revenues. The recent Great Recession is still on the public's mind. I suppose that it's still “the economy, stupid.”

CAM: When you appeared on “Fox & Friends,” you and the host got into a semantic argument about whether the tax bill passed in December constituted a cut or the prevention of an increase. Do you get that a lot?

RH: This is a well-known tactic employed by some on the right and by Fox in particular; they try to come up with a new way of framing a policy to make it look like something that it isn't. So they say, “This isn't a cut, it's simply avoiding an increase.” And what they're doing is capitalizing on the fact that people tend to be more suspicious of tax increases than of refraining from cuts. In other words, the status quo enjoys a bias—which is a well-known tendency of human psychology—and the Fox people exploit this.

CAM: So which is correct?

RH: To characterize this recent extension of the Bush-era tax cuts



as mere refraining from increases is flatly dishonest. You can only understand a tax by reference to the law that provides for or levies it—and the law that levies these taxes provided that they were going to drop to a certain amount for ten years, then go back to what they were before. By extending them, you've converted what had been a ten-year cut to a twelve-year cut. And if you quantify that, you see at once that you're making those cuts larger—at least 20 percent larger. There is no way around that fact.

CAM: Why, in your opinion, were the Bush-era tax cuts unwise?

RH: The tax cuts of 2001 and 2003 disproportionately benefited the very, very, very wealthy—those who least needed the benefits. To us that seems strange. It seems to us that the way tax

policy ought to work is that those who earn more, contribute more.

CAM: What about the idea that cutting taxes stimulates the economy?

RH: It's very well known—both theoretically well understood and empirically well verified—that tax cuts for ultra-wealthy people are not stimulative in the way that tax cuts for middle-class Americans or those at the lower end of the economic ladder are. Less wealthy people tend to spend tax cuts on consumption goods and services, and that generates employment. But when you cut taxes for people who already have ten yachts, they don't buy an eleventh. That money tends to be spent on speculative financial assets—that is to say, it goes toward fueling bubbles in markets like that for subprime mortgage-backed securities.

CAM: When you talk about the “ultra-wealthy,” what do you mean?

RH: Our working definition is people who earn more than a million dollars a year—the highest-earning 1 percent of Americans, maybe less.

CAM: This website is a sequel to one you launched after Hurricane Katrina. How did you and the co-founder of that site make the connection between a natural disaster and federal tax policy?

RH: When Katrina struck, we were struck by the fact that the damage was partly attributable to eroded infrastructure—which in turn was partly attributable to the fact that tax revenues were down owing to the cuts of 2001 and 2003. We had thought those cuts wrongheaded in the first place, so we created a website where people could calculate what they had saved and donate those savings to charities engaged in hurricane relief necessitated in part by the tax cuts themselves. The idea was to get money to people who needed it—the site raised more than \$250,000—but also to tie that aid to a particular meaning, in this case a protest of wrong-headed fiscal policy, and ultimately to generate a more intelligent national discussion about tax policy.

CAM: What prompted you to launch the new site?

RH: The tax cut extensions, combined with the backdrop of the Great Recession. Katrina caused damage to a relatively small region; the earlier site was accordingly smaller scale in the message it conveyed and the aid that it generated. This new site responds to a disaster that has struck the whole economy, and is accordingly larger scale both in the message it's meant to

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CAM: How did you choose the charities?

RH: They're organizations devoted to job retraining and relocation; to helping people stay in their homes or to aiding the homeless; and to helping people obtain health care in times of economic distress. We chose those categories because they're appreciably linked to recessionary times.

CAM: You've said that you want the site to form a "shadow tax policy." What do you mean by that?

RH: It's an attempt, at least partly, to replicate privately what would have been done publicly under the right tax policy. The donors are directing their funds toward certain helpful ends, but under protest—they're saying that this would have been better done through ordinary taxation channels. It's definitely a "first best" to have good tax policy; having something like this website is a second best.

CAM: Is the site meant as some sort of protest against the rich?

RH: It would be a big mistake for people to interpret us as being hostile toward the wealthy. We who created the site are beneficiaries of these tax cuts, and we consider ourselves pretty well-to-do, but we didn't want the tax cuts for ourselves. Many people of means—for example, Warren Buffet and Bill Gates—continue to oppose them. But when they make charitable donations, they have to worry that their giving might be, in effect, co-opted by those who favor the cuts.

CAM: How is that?

RH: People who favor tax cuts for the wealthy say they're a good thing because the rich will then donate to charity. So charitable donors have to worry that people are going to point to them and say, "We told you so"—that they can attach a message that the givers didn't intend. Our site lets donors re-establish control over the meaning of their own giving.

CAM: What kind of reception has the site gotten?

RH: There has been a lot of positive feedback. Donations have gone into the millions and we've gotten many laudatory messages.

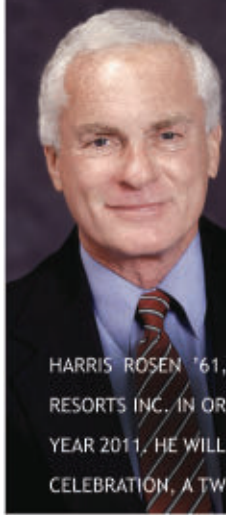
CAM: Any negative feedback?

RH: There's been surprisingly little—beyond a couple of e-mails saying, "Leave it to egg-headed professors to come up with the goofiest idea of the year."

— Beth Saulnier



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After a three-year tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Korea and Germany, Rosen began his career as a file clerk at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City, continuing with the Hilton Hotel Corporation and Post Company of Dallas before joining the Disney Company in California in 1969 as director of hotel planning.

From 1974 to 1995, Rosen bought and built numerous inns and hotels in the Orlando area, opening his newest property—the 1,500-room AAA Four Diamond Rosen Shingle Creek convention property—in 2006.

Along with his success in business, Rosen is known for the creation of a self-insured healthcare program for his 4,500 employees and for his commitment to the Tangelo Park neighborhood, a disadvantaged neighborhood in Central Florida.

The Tangelo Park Pilot Program has provided a free preschool education to all 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds in the neighborhood for the past 18 years. It also pays for education—including tuition, books, room and board—for neighborhood children who are accepted to a vocational school, community college, junior college or four-year public college in Florida. So far, about 190 young people have received full college scholarships.

In addition, Rosen donated land and funds to help construct Florida's Rosen College of Hospitality Management at UCF, which opened in January 2004. He also established a \$5 million endowment for the college, which provides approximately 100 scholarships annually to students attending the college.

In 2009 and 2010, the *Orlando Business Journal* recognized Rosen as a "Healthcare Hero" and one of the area's "Top 10 CEOs," a recognition he has received for many years. In 2007, he was honored by readers of *Orlando Magazine* for making the "Best Contribution to Orlando" and as one of the area's "Most Influential Executives." He was also named "Best Corporate Citizen" by the magazine in 2006 and again in 2007.

Rosen has four children, Jack (20), Joshua (19), Adam (18) and Shayna (16), who all live in Orlando.

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Moving Pictures

Faded in on a hospital room. Two men are confined to their beds. One has bandages over his eyes; the other peers out a window. “So what’s he doing now?” asks the blind man.

“He’s down on one knee,” his roommate replies, “handing her flowers...”

“She doesn’t want flowers! She wants a ring!” says the blind man, as though they have been following the lovers’ adventures for some time. After the two men share a laugh, he adds, “Hey, you know, if it wasn’t for you telling me what’s going on in that park, I don’t know what I’d do... You made me realize that there’s plenty to enjoy without having to see it. Thanks.”

Time passes, and the park stories continue—a marriage proposal, a happy ending—until the man near the window is wheeled out for surgery. Later, the blind man discovers that his friend didn’t survive. Shaken, he asks the nurse for a favor: “Would you take a look down at that park and tell me what you see?”

She opens the blinds and we see... nothing. “Mr. Johnson,” she tells him, “there’s nothing outside this window but a brick wall.”

Four minutes and fifteen seconds. That’s how long it took to tell *The Hospital Window*, a tale of compassion and camaraderie, friendship and fortitude. Such is the mission of SpiritClips.com, a subscription-based online community created by Hollywood

producer Rob Fried ’81 and offering members a selection of short films that are long on inspiration.

One might say that the big idea started with a little guy—five-foot-seven Daniel “Rudy” Ruettiger, the scrappy walk-on to the University of Notre Dame football team whose dream-come-true tale was immortalized on the silver screen. Of all the films that Fried has developed during more than a quarter-century as a studio executive and producer—a list that ranges from *Hoosiers* to *Man of the Year* to *Collateral*—he believes *Rudy* best reflects his sensibilities. Roger Ebert called the movie “a small but powerful illustration of the human spirit”—but Fried thought it could have been even smaller. “I always believed that it could have succeeded as a five-minute film. Just set it up and show the final play of the game,” says Fried, who won an Academy Award for his short film *Session Man* in 1992. “I thought I could make a number of these *Rudy*-type movies in short film format. And now that broadband is widespread, I could deliver them via the Internet and communicate these messages en masse.”

Launched in 2007 and staffed by a dozen filmmakers in Los Angeles, SpiritClips has produced nearly sixty short films, all overseen by Fried as director or co-director and writer of the final draft. They come in a variety of styles—live-action, animated, mini-documentaries, anywhere from ninety seconds to five minutes long—but each is designed to lift the spirit. In *Sally* (starring Fried’s wife of seventeen years, actress Nancy Travis), an overworked and underappreciated waitress receives a life-affirming tip from the most unlikely of customers. *The Price of Miracles* is an animated short about a little girl trying to save her ill brother. *The Fork*, which nearly snagged a live-action short film Oscar nomination last year (it was one of ten finalists for five slots), depicts a Holocaust survivor offering a memento to her soon-to-be-wed granddaughter.

Fried conceived SpiritClips as an alternative to user-generated video sites. Unlike YouTube, for instance, the content is guaranteed to be of professional quality. But he also considers it an antidote to Hollywood, where the pursuit of riches often trumps artistry and social responsibility. “I believe that if your goal is to make money, find a business that makes money,” says Fried, who also owns a bill-

board company in China and has started several digital media firms. "If your goal is to make films—as an art form, as a form of expression—make them worthy of your name." So Fried aims to do just that. As the ultimate creative voice, he avoids the too-many-chefs pitfall of many Hollywood projects, in which the filmmaker's original vision falls prey to studio realities. Thus the films represent his sensibilities—moral standards that he hopes to convey to his two children.

Fried has been approached about creating television shows and feature films under the SpiritClips rubric—which he envisions as not just a platform, but also a brand conveying certain values and quality, in the vein of Disney or Hallmark. As such, the films are meant to be shared. For \$35.99 per year, premium members can watch the shorts and send them (as personalized "FilmCards") to an unlimited number of family and friends. Some companies have distributed the films as well. NASA has purchased more than a dozen SpiritClips shorts, including a film about JFK's challenge to reach the moon; both Aetna and AAA sent an animated short called *The Little Frog*—described on the website as a two-and-a-half minute tale about two frogs who "fall into a deep, dark pit and surprise everyone"—to hundreds of employees.

Community is central to the SpiritClips mission. Members can create their own profiles, comment on the films, and interact with fellow viewers as well as each film's cast and crew. The website also invites people to submit their own inspirational stories. Out of a few thousand submissions, nearly a dozen have been turned into SpiritClips shorts, earning their originators a "story submitted by" credit. "I believe that there is a future for professionally produced content, where the creators—the writers and filmmakers—develop a direct relationship with the fans of their work," says Fried, an ILR grad who earned an MBA from Columbia.

It is that connection that drives Fried, who believes that because the relationship between a film and its audience can be profound, the filmmaker has a duty to make each movie meaningful. "That doesn't mean it shouldn't be entertaining, but to ignore the fact that it impacts people's view of the world is irresponsible," he says. "It does. It absolutely does."

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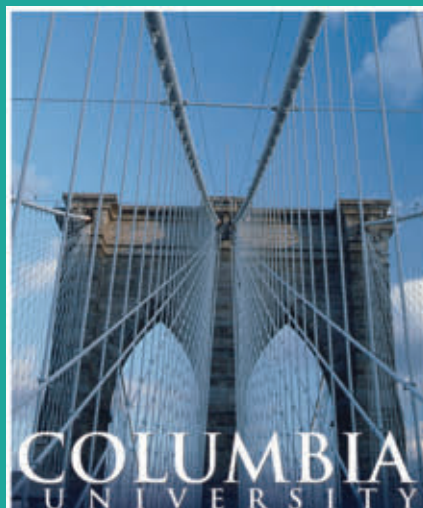
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Enter the Cornell Tree Climbing Institute, an offshoot of Cornell Outdoor Education (COE). Founded in 2004, the institute trains recreational climbers, arborists, and canopy scientists in safety, knot tying, ascent, and descent. For five years, instructors and students traveled to Costa Rica each spring for a week in the

canopy; this June, they will visit a forest preserve owned by the University of California, Berkeley, for five days among the redwoods, collecting seed cones for the preserve's managers. "Getting up there and putting lines in the trees is a lot of work," says institute co-founder Dave Katz. "The seed collection is a nice trade-off because once you're up there, it's like picking apples."

Technical climbing in the forest has little in common with the free-form trunk shinnying of school kids on summer holiday; there are ropes and carabiners, helmets and harnesses. Much of the gear—designed for rock climbing—had to be re-imagined for arboreal applications; while solo tree surgeons wielding chainsaws use much the same equipment, their techniques weren't quite right for a physical education course. When the institute was formed, says co-founder Mark Holton, PhD '99, "we were faced with

assembling a set of protocols that would be reasonable for a group of ten undergraduates and three or four teachers."

Now COE's director of outdoor programs and risk management, Holton spent three years living in an unheated, off-grid tree house that he built in a friend's back field while earning his doctorate in chemistry and working part-time as a climbing instructor for COE. So when Katz, a fellow COE instructor, started campaigning for training on the hardwoods ubiquitous throughout central New York, Holton was the first person he approached. To develop the course, they partnered with sophomore engineer Keith Luscinski '07. "We'd heard that he was trying to teach himself to climb trees and inventing it as he went along," says Holton. "I had some experience because of my rock climbing—and because I climbed into a tree every night to go to bed."

Together, they developed a curriculum that draws on the expertise of arborists, industrial rope professionals, and spelunkers. Katz, a native of nearby Trumansburg who travels the world as a nature photographer and freelance outdoor education instructor, says they were motivated by two priorities: safety and efficiency. "We spent hundreds of hours in the trees before the students arrived," he says, "figuring out where we would put them in the trees and how we would get them out in an emergency."

Typically, in an aerial rescue, a second person ascends to the stranded climber and extracts him from the tree in what can be an agonizingly slow process. Holton, Katz, and Luscinski wanted to simultaneously lower an entire class—in the case of animal attacks or sudden severe weather—without relying on expensive, heavy to haul backup





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On the ropes: The Cornell Tree Climbing Institute takes students and instructors on field trips thousands of miles from campus—and hundreds of feet off the ground.

ropes, or even the students' active participation. Their innovation, dubbed the "full-circle rig," uses a single knot to turn each climber's rope into a loop. Fed through a belay device near the ground, the loop allows for speedy rescue by an instructor on *terra firma*, even if the student is unconscious or incapacitated by fear. Thirteen short videos shot at Stewart Park and posted on a dedicated YouTube channel detail the rig, as well as the basic knots students use in the trees and tactics for accommodating those whose body shape or limited physical strength might constrain their climbing options. Using a telephone pole as a stand-in, Holton scales a length of trunk without branches from which to hang ropes. "[Our technique] is extremely slow, compared with the spikes and flip-line you'll see lumberjacks use, but it doesn't damage the tree," he explains as the camera rolls. "To reverse

direction at any point, simply untie the backups and go right down to the ground."

If it weren't for the geography of the Finger Lakes, Katz might never have lobbied his COE colleagues to help climbers explore the canopy. Here, deep layers of crumbly shale make for spectacular gorges and cataracts—and treacherous rock climbing. Local rock aficionados content themselves with scampering up the Lindseth Climbing Wall in Bartels Hall, or driving three hours east to the Hudson Valley's Shawangunk Ridge, affectionately known as the Gunks. But for instructors teaching climbing for physical education credit, the situation was a perennial frustration. "It was odd to be spending that quantity of time indoors when we have an environmental mission," says Holton. "We're Cornell Outdoor Education."

— Sharon Tregaskis '95

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Future Shock

Psychologist **Daryl Bem** publishes a study on ESP, and academia (predictably) goes bananas

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Daryl Bem

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Extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence, Cornell astronomer Carl Sagan once stated. Then again, eighteenth-century English theologian and philosopher William Paley warned against “contempt prior to investigation.”

Recently, psychology professor emeritus Daryl Bem has found himself whipsawed between these two declarations, both in academia and in the news. From the moment a blogger for *Psychology Today* revealed that an article on Bem’s recent experiments on extrasensory perception (ESP) were destined for print in the *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, a prominent publication affiliated with the American Psychological Association, the furor, the public curiosity—and the jokes—have not let up.



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Out of mind: Professor Daryl Bem on campus (top) and on the set with Stephen Colbert

In his paper, “Feeling the Future: Experimental Evidence for Anomalous Retroactive Influences on Cognition and Affect,” Bem describes a series of nine

experiments conducted over a decade using 1,000 college students. The experiments, Bem says, “test for retroactive influence by ‘time-reversing’ well-established psychological effects so that the individual’s responses are obtained before the putatively causal stimulus events occur”; in other words, subjects guess the answers before they “know” them. Bem’s stated goal is “to provide well-controlled demonstrations of psi”—a term he uses interchangeably with ESP—“that can be replicated by independent investigators.” To wit: Bem is testing for precognition, or the ability to know the future.

In an experiment of “precognitive detection of erotic stimuli,” students were split into two groups of fifty men and women each. The subjects had to guess which of two blue curtains on a com-

puter screen hid a photograph; one was blank, while the other hid either an erotic image or a merely cute one, such as smiling faces or furry animals. Bem used software that randomly posted a picture behind one curtain or the other—but only after the subject made a choice. According to Bem's results, when the photos were erotic, the participants beat chance, 53 percent to 50 percent; for the rest, results were normal to below average. The outcome, according to Bem, demonstrates that images that provoke a physical response beat the odds by a good 3 percent—which in the world of statistics is a striking percentage.

In another test, on “retroactive facilitation of recall,” Bem “time-reversed” a classic memory experiment in which subjects study forty-eight words, sorting half into categories like colors, animals, or food. This reinforces memory—and the sorted words are remembered more frequently. But Bem tested 100 subjects first, then had them categorize the words. In his paper Bem concludes the results show that “practicing a set of words after the recall test does, in fact, reach back in time to facilitate the recall of those words.” Once again, it’s a numbers game with anomalous results: subjects seemed to “remember” words before they saw them.

One doesn’t have to be a scientist or statistician to find Bem’s study peculiar—but then it *is* about the paranormal. Many psychologists have scorned the work, considering it flimsy pseudo-science using outmoded statistical methods, or even a prank. (In a piece in the *New York Times* science section in January, a professor at the University of Oregon noted that Bem has a great sense of humor, and that he “wouldn’t rule out that this is an elaborate joke.”) Bem’s most vehement critics are social scientists who fault the journal for accepting the article; its editor counters that the paper was subject to the standard blind peer review. The debate, says Bem, has become an academic version of “they said, he says.”

The published study and the resulting kerfuffle have drawn a torrent of media coverage. In January, a crew for “Through the Wormhole,” a TV science show produced by actor Morgan Freeman, was on campus shooting footage of Bem and his student subjects for a segment to air this spring; CNN and Comedy Central’s “Colbert Report” invited Bem to appear, and dozens of major media outlets including NPR have broadcast, televised, or blogged about his work. “It has come late in my career,” Bem says, “but I guess this is my fifteen minutes of fame.” Not that Bem’s experiments prove that ESP exists; in fact,

he says he doesn’t necessarily believe in it. “I’ve always been a skeptic of ESP,” he says. “No one mentions that, but it’s one of the reasons I spent so many years on this research.”

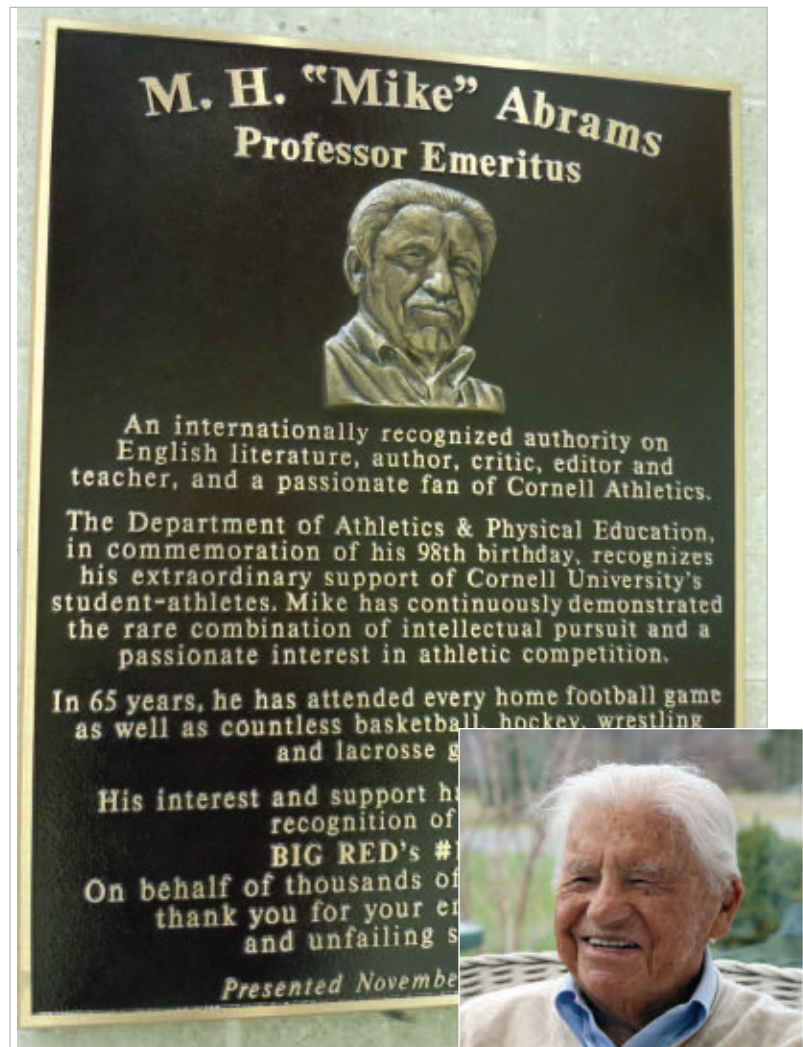
Bem’s skepticism stems, in part, from the fact that he’s a “psychic” himself—on stage, that is. Bem is practiced at mentalism, a performance art that demands highly refined observational and intuitive abilities. One highlight of his stage show is having an audience member he’s never met think about five common household items. Bem asks the subject to concentrate

on the objects—and then guesses each one with astonishing accuracy. He replicates this act annually for students in James Maas’s Psych 101 class, as well as for Cornell faculty and alumni groups. How does he do it? “Very well indeed,” he says.

No magician worthy of the name ever reveals his secrets. But Bem is happy to share the methods used in his nine experiments and has created a user-friendly software package available to all comers.

Will his results ever be replicated? Only time—or psi—can tell.

— Franklin Crawford



LISA FRANK

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Faithful fan: There is no greater friend of Cornell Athletics than M. H. “Mike” Abrams, the Class of 1916 Professor of English Emeritus. Since coming to the University in 1945, Abrams has attended every home football game, along with dozens of wrestling, basketball, hockey, and lacrosse contests. To mark Abrams’s ninety-eighth birthday, Athletic Director Andy Noel and his staff placed a plaque in Bartels Hall to honor him.

Wines of the Finger Lakes

Featured Selection

RAVINES 2008 DRY RIESLING

In recent years, Finger Lakes wine has received greater recognition from journalists. A lot of that attention seems to focus on the Seneca Lake wineries, but—while acknowledging that many fine wines are produced by these vintners—some would argue that the true soul of Finger Lakes wine can be found on Keuka Lake.

Located about twenty miles west of Seneca Lake, Y-shaped Keuka Lake is where the pioneering Dr. Konstantin Frank produced the first world-class Finger Lakes wines at his Vinifera Wine Cellars, founded in 1962. Today there are more than a dozen wineries on Keuka's shores, and one of the finest is Ravines Wine Cellars, founded in 2002 by Morten and Lisa Hallgren.

Morten, the winemaker, was raised on his family's wine estate in southern France, and his extensive winery experience includes a stint as winemaker at

the Vinifera Wine Cellars.

The 2002 Ravines Dry Riesling won the award for Best Dry Riesling at the 2003 Eastern International Wine Competition, and many Ravines wines have received excellent reviews in national publications since then. In the December 31, 2009, issue of *Wine Spectator*, the 2008 Dry Riesling received a 90-point score. It is indeed a lovely wine, with hints of apple, almond, and pear on both nose and palate, and a long, dry finish. Unlike Finger Lakes dry Rieslings that contain perceptible amounts of residual sugar, the Ravines is truly dry but still balanced. Worth a search, it is a lovely accompaniment to simply prepared fish and an excellent foil to the rich flavors of pork, duck, or goose.

— Dave Pohl

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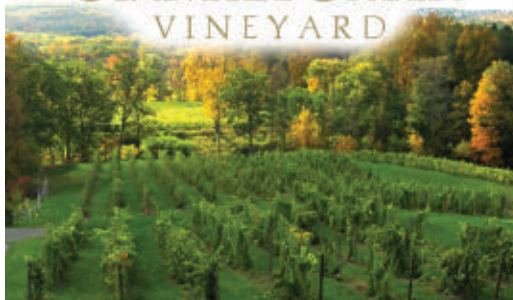


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Two Cornellians on opposite sides of the education debate—controversial former D.C. schools chancellor Michelle Rhee '92 and teachers' union leader Randi Weingarten '80—sat down with CAM to talk about school reform. (But not together.)



POP QUIZ

By Bill Sternberg

They are the two strong-willed women at the heart of the nation's debate on school reform. Both were featured in last year's education documentary *Waiting for Superman*—one as a hero, the other as a heavy. They have offices seven blocks from each other in Washington, D.C., but are miles apart philosophically. And, yes, reform advocate Michelle Rhee '92 and union leader Randi Weingarten '80 are both Cornellians, a connection they've never discussed.

Rhee, forty-one, catapulted to national prominence—including appearances on Oprah and the covers of *Time* and *Newsweek*—as a result of her tumultuous three years as schools chancellor in the District of Columbia. Appointed in 2007 by Mayor Adrian Fenty to overhaul the troubled D.C. system, she fired hundreds of teachers and principals, closed schools, and reorganized the bureaucracy. Test scores rose and enrollment sta-

bilized, but her steamroller style made enemies, not the least of them the Weingarten-led American Federation of Teachers. AFT poured money into the mayoral campaign of Vincent Gray, who defeated Fenty in last September's Democratic primary. Rhee, calling the outcome "devastating," resigned soon after. She has since started a new organization, Students First, to promote school reform. A native of Toledo and the divorced mother of two daughters, Rhee is engaged to former NBA star Kevin Johnson, the mayor of Sacramento.

Weingarten, fifty-three, is the nation's most powerful and highest-profile leader of unionized teachers. She was elected president of the 1.5-million member AFT after serving twelve years as leader of the New York City local, where she was known as a tenacious and combative negotiator. Since becoming AFT president in 2008, she has fought back against efforts to scapegoat teachers, but has embraced changes in the ways they are disciplined and evaluated. Raised in Rockland County, New York, Weingarten is a power broker in Democratic politics; her office overlooks the Capitol. The only openly gay union leader in the top ranks of organized labor, she lives in East Hampton, New York, and Washington, D.C.

In separate interviews ("If you can get them together, sell tickets!" says Richard Whitmire, author of *The Bee Eater: Michelle Rhee Takes on the Nation's Worst School District*), Rhee and Weingarten discussed education and each other.



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Michelle Rhee: 'I'm Not Anti-Teacher'

Cornell Alumni Magazine: Your critics call you anti-teacher. Is that fair?

Michelle Rhee: I'm not anti-teacher. I love great teachers. I think great teachers are the solution to the problems we face today in lots of ways. But the question at the end of the day is, where should the protection sit? Should the protection sit with the adults or with the kids?

CAM: In D.C., did you communicate well enough with the good teachers?

MR: It is true that I didn't have consistent communication with good teachers. But the other thing is, the media take the juiciest things. So when I said we're going to move a lot of ineffective teachers out, even though I said it within the context of a lot of other stuff, that's the sound bite. I get it. That's my inexperience in not having been in the political realm. So, lesson learned.

CAM: Did you try to do too much, too soon?

MR: No. When you are leading the worst school district in the country, which is what we were considered when I got here, and 8 percent of your kids are on grade level in mathematics, you can't move fast enough. If you talk to political people, they all say, "You moved too fast." But if you talk to parents and kids—the people we were actually serving—they all said, "I'm not going to wait for eight years for the school system to get better. I need it to get better today because my kid is only going to be a first grader one time."

CAM: Do you regret posing for the cover of *Time* dressed in black and holding a broom?

MR: No—and I wear black 90 percent of the time. It's my color.

CAM: Some people thought the image implied that the people you were dealing with were dirt.

MR: That one I haven't heard. If there's anyone in the city that would have told me we didn't need to clean house and we didn't need sweeping reforms, I would have said, "You're crazy."

CAM: Of all the things you did, what worked best?

MR: We put in place a new framework that laid out for teachers, principals, and administrators what we think good teaching and learning looks like. We put a new evaluation system in place. Then, finally, there was the new teachers' union contract that essentially got rid of tenure, seniority, and lock-step pay, which I think were the three albatrosses around our necks.

CAM: What's the concept behind your new organization, Students First?

MR: Education reform can't be top down. It has to be the very people who are being screwed by the system every day saying, "We won't take this anymore, something's got to change" and demanding something different. The education policy in this country over the last thirty years has been driven by special interests. You have teachers' unions, testing companies, you name it. There is no organized interest group that's advocating on behalf of kids to bring balance. So that was the whole idea.

CAM: What, specifically, will the organization do?

MR: We want to become one of the most powerful membership organizations in the country. We are going to focus at the state and local levels because that's where laws, regulations, and union contracts can be changed. And we are going to do that the old-fashioned way—people and money. Our goal is to raise \$1 billion and have a million members within the first year.

CAM: It sounds like you want to build a National Rifle Association for education reform.

MR: I don't love the NRA. Let's say an AARP. Part of what makes the teachers' unions so powerful is that they have members paying dues. That's what gives them the financial heft they need to have influence. Our model is similar.

CAM: What are the most important things to fix in K-12 education?

MR: Students First is going to focus on three areas. One is on human capital. Second is on providing choice to families. Third is around fiscal responsibility and accountability.

CAM: What do you mean by human capital?

MR: The human capital stuff is probably what I'm most well known for. Everything we did in D.C. over three years often got synthesized to "she fired people." We did a lot more than that, but that was one thing that hadn't happened before in urban school districts, certainly not in D.C.

CAM: Why so much focus on teacher accountability?

MR: If you look at all the data and research, it says the in-school factor that has the most impact is the quality of the teacher who is in front of the students every day. Even for kids who are living in the most disadvantaged situations, having three highly effective teachers in a row can literally change their life trajectory. We're not saying that the home and environment factors don't matter. But if this is the factor that's going to have the most impact, then that is where we must have the greatest focus.

CAM: How do you improve teacher quality?

MR: We need to recognize the best people, pay them more, and move away from



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a pay system based on seniority. It is also important to be able to quickly move out the lowest performers. If you can't improve, we're not going to throw you in jail. You might still be a really good person—but you can't have the privilege of teaching our kids. There's just too much at stake.

CAM: Does Randi Weingarten of the AFT recognize the need for change?

MR: I think she does. She's in a tough spot because, on the one hand, she's getting a tremendous amount of pressure from President Obama, [Education Secretary] Arne Duncan, and people like me. But on the flip side there is a portion of the rank and file who want to hold on to those protections. This is not about the teachers' unions needing to change. The unions are doing what they're supposed to—protecting the privileges, priorities, and pay of their members. They're doing an excellent job of that.

CAM: That suggests they care more about their privileges and priorities than they care about students.

MR: But they should. In the automotive industry, the unions are supposed to look out for their people. The purpose of the union isn't to build a cheaper, faster, better car. That's not their job.

CAM: When you announced Students First, Weingarten said we need more cooperation and less conflict in education.

MR: What I would say back to that is that the harmony we have been trying to create for two decades, where all the adults get along, has not helped our kids. We know that. We have some fundamental differences in what we believe, and we need to bring those to light and duke it out a bit.

CAM: What message should people take away from the movie *Waiting for Superman*?

MR: One, that teachers matter a ton. You saw great teachers, and some not so great teachers, in that movie. But what I think the movie was trying to tell you is that great teachers are a huge part of the solution.

CAM: What about the parents?

MR: One of the most maddening things that I hear a lot is that if inner-city parents cared more about their kids, we wouldn't have these problems. Nope. In the movie you could tell every single one of them wanted the best for their kids. They were all willing to do whatever it took to get their kid into a great school, even if it meant waking up at five in the morning.

CAM: Is there a larger social problem with the American style of parenting?

MR: I think in this country we have lost our competitive spirit. We want to make kids feel good about themselves, so we are always praising and coddling them when they don't always deserve it. My kids play soccer. They suck at soccer, but they have all these medals and ribbons and trophies because we don't want them to feel bad about themselves. I juxtapose it with Korea, which is at the top of the charts in all the academic stuff. In Korea, when you start in kindergarten you get a rank in your class, one to forty. You know where you are, and you know how far you have to go to be Number One.

CAM: When you were at Cornell twenty years ago, could you have envisioned yourself becoming the face of public education reform in America?

MR: Absolutely not. I never planned on going into education. When I was in my senior year I started hearing about Teach for America. A few weeks before I graduated, I was trying to figure out whether I was going to go to graduate school in industrial and labor relations or do Teach for America. I was weighing the two, and my grandmother said, "Go teach."

CAM: And the rest is history.

MR: And the rest is history.



‘We have lost our competitive spirit. We want to make kids feel good about themselves, so we are always praising and coddling them when they don't always deserve it.’

Randi Weingarten: 'Teaching Is the Hardest Job on Earth'

‘The newest silver bullet is: the teacher can do it all. Yes, we need to have well-prepared teachers. But if someone is hungry coming to school, or needs glasses and can’t see a blackboard, we must deal with that as well.’

Cornell Alumni Magazine: After Cornell and law school, you worked for a big Manhattan firm, but then you went to work in Brooklyn as a teacher.

Randi Weingarten: That was the best job of my life. I loved my kids. I loved being a social studies teacher.

CAM: Teachers don’t seem to be feeling much love these days. Why not?

RW: Our critics try to create a false choice between adults and kids. But all you have to do is spend 3.5 nanoseconds with teachers to know it is false. Teachers go into teaching because they want to make a difference in the lives of children. I’m not saying that all teachers are the same, or all teachers are good, but they go into teaching to make a difference.

CAM: Why do teachers need unions?

RW: To provide a voice for them and to get them the tools and conditions to do a good job.

CAM: What’s behind what you’ve called the “relentless vilification” of unions?

RW: You have two things going on at the same time. First, fewer and fewer people are in unions, so there aren’t the personal stories about how a union helped a mom or a dad or a grandpa or a grandma become part of the middle class or fight injustice. The second issue is that American workers are hurting. People are fearful. They wonder why others still have their rights, and they don’t.

CAM: Can unions survive in this new environment?

RW: This is not simply a matter of surviving in this climate. My critics would love it to be that I am reacting to them. My frustration is that they have framed the agenda in such a negative way. The Michelle Rhee’s of the world want to shift all the responsibility for education onto the backs of individual teachers. Although I believe that teachers are really important, I don’t believe they are the only or most essential ingredient in education.

CAM: Should teachers be evaluated based on how much their students improve on tests?

RW: This notion that you can evaluate teachers on one piece of data doesn’t make sense, since teachers are not in control of all of the variables. At the same time, what my members and I were saying for years is that we shouldn’t be responsible for any of it—and that’s wrong, too. We should have an evaluation system that focuses on, “What have I taught, and what have kids learned?”

CAM: Can you endorse changes in discipline or evaluations without having backlash from the rank and file saying you’re selling them out?

RW: In a big organization there are always going to be people who say you’re a sellout. You have to spend time convincing people that what you are trying to do is good for people and teachers.

CAM: Can a good or great teacher, particularly in an inner-city area, overcome broken homes, street violence, and missing or indifferent parents?

RW: There’s one study that says an individual teacher can trump all, and that study has a lot of holes and problems. Lots of studies say that teachers have a role in student achievement—but so do poverty and other variables in a student’s life. I don’t think this is an either/or situation.

CAM: Do the reformers expect too much from teachers?

RW: The newest silver bullet is: the teacher can do it all. Yes, we need to have well-prepared teachers. But if someone is hungry coming to school, or needs glasses and can’t see a blackboard, ultimately we must deal with that as well. You need a col-

laborative environment where we're all working together to ensure student achievement.

CAM: You've been talking a fair amount about collaboration. But back when you were in New York City negotiating contracts with mayors, you weren't exactly known as Miss Congeniality.

RW: I've found over the course of twenty-five years that the better way to improve schools is through a collaborative, not a combative, approach. Now, sometimes you have to fight for your principles. But you have to constantly look for common ground.

CAM: Movie critics said you were cast as a villain or even a "foaming satanic beast" in *Waiting for Superman*. What did you think of the documentary?

RW: If you look at the box office results, people did not go see the movie. And when you talked to parents and teachers around the country, they wondered why it was so misleading. I understand why individual parents are trying to do the best for their kids, and they have every right to find the best circumstances for them. Every parent does. But what I wonder about that movie is why not one public school was featured—not one place where a union had worked with an employer to make a school great. So it was very misleading. It pulls at the heartstrings because of the kids. But balanced and fair, it is not.

CAM: Were you portrayed fairly?

RW: I speak in paragraphs, not sound bites—good, bad, or indifferent. So when my interviews in the movie were cut and used in a certain way, with eerie music, people can reach their own conclusions.

CAM: Were you sorry to see Fenty lose and Rhee resign?

RW: I think Vince Gray will be a great mayor. We were actively involved in the campaign. He won the primary decisively because people didn't like the way Fenty ran the city. There's a difference between believing in "my way or the highway" and being respectful. Michelle Rhee will say collaboration is overrated. I say that you have to convince people who are engaged in this work that what you're doing is important. It is about respecting others.

CAM: What do you make of her new organization, Students First?

RW: Ultimately you can't create a conflict situation that says you're either about the kids or the teachers. Teachers are about the kids, and the unions are about helping teachers help kids. So ultimately we have two different views of how you take a system from where we are now to a knowledge economy. And my view is that you do this through working together—taking what works, sustaining it, and scaling it up.

CAM: When Rhee announced Students First, you wished her well and urged cooperation. Have you gotten any response?

RW: No. Absolutely not.

CAM: One thing you hear from many teachers and parents is that a big part of the problem is unmotivated students. Is there a secret to motivating kids?

RW: Teaching is the hardest job on Earth. A classroom teacher is managing twenty to thirty youngsters in various stages of development. You have to be Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King, Albert Einstein, and Tony Soprano all wrapped up in one.

CAM: How do you feel about the Teach for America program as a route into education?

RW: Alternative certification routes have their place. Are they better than a good teacher's college? No. In terms of Teach for America, the participants don't feel very prepared and many of them leave teaching within a couple of years. And the reason that a lot of education types have been negative about it is because we think teaching shouldn't be a stepping stone to something else.

CAM: Why are Finland and so many other countries ahead of the U.S in the latest international study of student performance?


RW: They respect teachers. They create a national curriculum that people work on and make better. They prepare teachers, and they are very selective in who becomes a teacher. They give the teachers the tools they need. There's real respect.

CAM: Teachers' unions are under intense fire, and you have a very intense job. How long do you see yourself doing it?

RW: I don't have a personal timeline about the AFT, but my view

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is every single day there is an urgency to get something done. We have to help our schools help kids become ready for the knowledge economy and become productive citizens who understand and cherish our democracy. That's a big job, but teachers will lead the way. 

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Mass Appeal



Public artist Janet Zweig '71 creates works that use language, technology, and a variety of materials to offer a novel look at spaces and communities around the country

By Beth Saulnier

If, like millions of people, you've walked through Manhattan's Prince Street subway station in the past seven years, you've seen it: a 1,200-foot-long, nine-inch-high parade of silhouettes depicting New Yorkers doing what New Yorkers do. Trailing along the white tiled wall, the 194 figures perform a variety of mundane tasks: taking out the trash, walking the dog, talking on the phone, drinking coffee. Entitled "Carrying On," the installation is the work of artist Janet Zweig '71, who designed the figures based on photographs of real people on the city streets, culling them from a pool of more than 2,000 images. "It's not an interactive piece, but there is a kind of intimacy about it, and a narrative," Zweig says. "You can walk down the entire length of it and look closely at each individual person."



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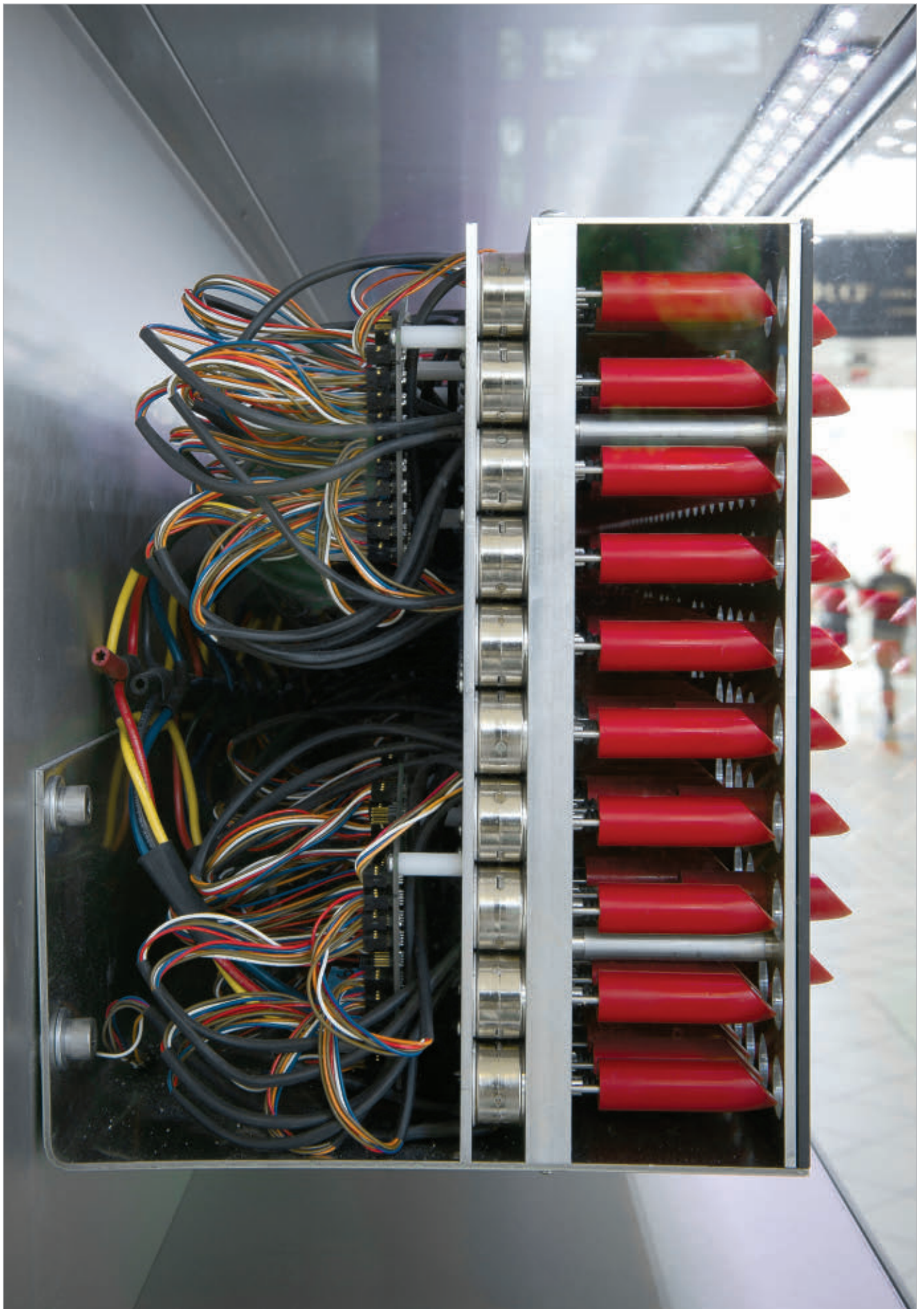
Popular culture: "Carrying On," in Manhattan's Prince Street subway station, depicts New Yorkers in transit. Opposite: "If You Lived Here, You'd Be Home" turned materials from two demolished homes into signs declaring the name of a St. Louis neighborhood.



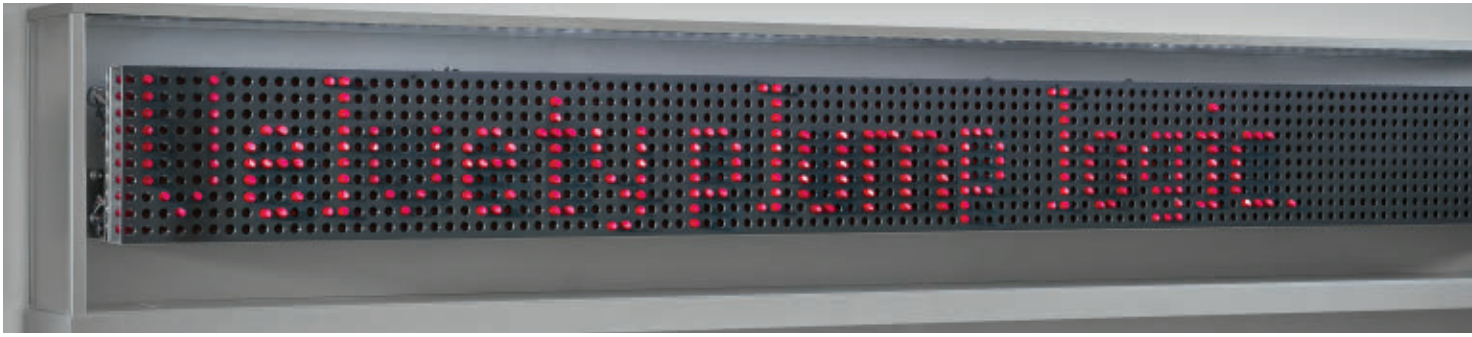
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Among the nation's busiest public artists, Zweig is currently juggling five commissions from cities across the country, including an installation of flip-sign animations called "Pedestrian Drama" for downtown Milwaukee and a memorial to the 1911 fire at Manhattan's Triangle Shirtwaist Factory. Having spent a postgraduate decade making artists' books, Zweig creates works that often use language in a novel way, melding technologies old and new to offer insight into a space or community. "I try to focus on what an individual's experience will be," Zweig says. "If you look at my work, you can see that it's more about the public 'one by one' than as this large mass of people; there's a one-to-one relationship between my work and the viewer. I imagine one person experiencing it, and it's a kind of dialogue between the work and that person."

Take "The Medium," a 2002 installation for the University of Minnesota School of Journalism and Mass Communication. It consists of a double-sided screen that allows two people to conduct a live-feed video conversation that morphs through a variety of incarnations; sometimes the speakers see themselves, sometimes each other, sometimes both. In a work called "Limited Edition" for a water treatment plant outside Seattle, Zweig designed a system that dispenses 150,000 small golden tiles one

'There's a one-to-one relationship between my work and the viewer. I imagine one person experiencing it, and it's a kind of dialogue between the work and that person.'

at a time; visitors have the option of taking them as keepsakes or leaving them to become part of a wall. "Neither choice is wrong," Zweig says in her online description of the work. "There will be something seductive about keeping the tile—it's pretty; it's a memory of the visit. And there is something seductive about putting it on the wall—you can choose any location; by putting it on the wall with the other tiles that are there, you will be making your mark within a community; you will be adding to the ever-changing pattern of tiles on the wall, con-

tributing to a generative pool."

Other works feature machines that generate words or sentences—such as "Lipstick Enigma," a piece for a University of Central Florida engineering center that uses 1,200 resin "lipsticks" to create sentences melding the language of engineering with that of beauty advertising. (Samples: "Bring out your inner widget." "New sprocket, new you." "Pixelate her personality.") In "Impersonator," for a technology center at Santa Fe Community College, a flip sign of the type found in train stations a generation ago displays a line of text each time a visitor trips an electric eye. The phrases ("You are now entering the supermarket of tolerance"; "Was our sleep nourished by delusion or despair?") are generated by a computer, and no two are alike. As Patricia Phillips, then chair of the art department at Cornell, wrote in a 2009 essay in *Sculpture* magazine, with the piece Zweig "attempts to sort out the intersecting, overlapping, and relocating trajectories of audience, spectatorship, collaboration, and participation."

In "Small Kindnesses, Weather Permitting," an installation on a light rail line in Minneapolis, Zweig created eleven interactive kiosks where commuters can summon audio and video clips riffing on two of the city's stereotypes: friendliness and harsh winters. For a light rail station in St. Louis, Zweig used materials from two demolished buildings to spell out the name of the neighborhood ("Maplewood") on an overpass, once forward and once in a mirror image. Zweig quotes Marshall McLuhan in describing the piece: "We look at the present through a rear-view mirror."

In her *Sculpture* essay, Phillips calls Zweig's body of work "curiously challenging." As she writes: "It asks questions about public life, public space, participation, performativity, and tensions of *I and We* that thinking subjects in public space—and public artists—must constantly sustain and negotiate."

Growing up in Chicago, the daughter of a chemist/businessman and a homemaker, Zweig never imagined a career as an artist—though she made art throughout her childhood. She arrived on the Hill in 1967. "It was an amazing time at Cornell," she says. "It was kind of 'the' political moment, so it was very exciting to be there." Zweig majored in art history, but took a wide variety of courses—anthropology, biology, French. She envisioned a career as an academic, but classes at the Visual Studies Workshop in Rochester led her to earn an MFA, working mostly in photography and printmaking. She got a job at a fine arts press in Toronto and worked as a graphic designer, eventually getting

Kiss and tell: "Lipstick Enigma" uses 1,200 resin "lipsticks" to create slogans that intertwine engineering and the beauty industry.



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Have a nice day: “Small Kindnesses, Weather Permitting” placed thirty-five interactive video and audio kiosks at Minneapolis Light Rail stations.



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Word play: “Impersonator” (above), at Santa Fe Community College, generates millions of possible sentences on an old-fashioned flip sign. Right: Located in a library in Washington State, “The Opposite of a Duck” displays “unanswerable questions” culled from philosophers.

a teaching job at the Rhode Island School of Design, where she remains on the faculty. “I followed a long path of interests,” she says. “I had ambition, but never toward a single goal.”

Zweig eventually segued to a career in gallery sculpture, such as the 1993 piece “Mind Over Matter”—made of a computer, printer, paper, rope, pullies, a rock, and a basket. As Zweig describes it: “A computer was fed three sentences: ‘I think therefore I am’ (Descartes), ‘I am what I am’ (Popeye), and ‘I think I can’ (*The Little Engine That Could*). In the gallery, it randomly generates all possible sentences (hundreds) from the parts, for example: ‘I think I can think,’ ‘I am what I think I am, I think,’ ‘I can think what I can,’ etc. Text slowly falls into basket, lifting rock.”

Zweig got her first public art commission in 1994 and now devotes herself to the field full-time. She lives and works in Brooklyn Heights, where her studio is on the second floor of her apartment. “The arts kind of pulled me,” she says. “It seemed impractical, but I was so drawn to it, that’s what I followed. I often tell my story to my students, because I think leaving yourself open to discover what you want to do, and not to have an idea in the beginning, is a little chancy, but it’s exciting. You enter school and you’re not sure what you want to do, but you let your courses, teachers, and experiences inform you, and your career develops.”

Leaving herself open to discovery is part of Zweig’s artistic process: when she gets a new commission, her first step is to travel to the site and to talk to as many people as possible. “I try to get not so much a sense of the place, but of the people—a sense of who the audience will be for a particular work,” she says. “I try to figure out what they’re trying to tell me that they want. I often don’t give people what they *pictured*, but I try to give them what they want.” While Zweig’s time in the studio is in large part solitary, she notes that public art is inherently a collaborative medium—requiring that she work not only with residents and municipalities but with the specialists in fields like computer programming and metal fabricating that help bring her vision to life. “There’s so much interaction—some wonderful, some difficult,” she says. “In public art there are so many problems, obstructions, issues, and hoops to jump through. And while a lot of the details may be frustrating, all that interaction with so many kinds of people is gratifying. The frustrating part of public art, and the rewarding part of public art, are the human interactions.” 

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'In the Big Leagues' A Conversation with Chris Marshall

By Stephanie Fox '89

One of the best things about volunteering for Cornell is the opportunity to work with the talented staff at our Office of Alumni Affairs. I remember well the day I learned the new associate vice president for alumni affairs had been hired, and that he would be in Chicago the next week and available for lunch. So it was that I met Chris Marshall over a plate of sushi and was introduced to his dynamic vision for Cornell alumni. I knew that in his role, Chris would be responsible for providing strategic direction and leadership to Cornell's global alumni program. I left our lunch that day feeling excited and hopeful about the plan that Chris shared, in particular the vision for CornellConnect and alumni affinity groups. Now that Chris has had a chance to get settled and work on his objective of engaging alumni, let's see how things are going both professionally and personally:

SF: It's been two and a half years since you came to Cornell. What about this job has surprised you the most?

CM: There are two things. First, while I was completely ready for the size and scale of the move from Lehigh University to Cornell—everything here is three to four times the size of Lehigh—I am still adjusting to is the decentralized complexity of a very large university with ten distinct colleges. Second, a rather pleasant surprise: the alumni volunteers at Cornell *really* volunteer. It is a labor of love that they take very seri-

ously, and they provide significant value to the university. We could not be successful without the volunteer structure that we have built over the years.

SF: What do you like best about life in Ithaca?

CM: My wife and I love the spring, summer, and early fall; winter, not so much, but even a certain amount of snow has its charm. We love the short commute to work (we live about four and a half miles north on Cayuga Heights Road). We find the Ithaca/Finger Lakes region delightful, particularly the Farmers Market, Buttermilk Falls (great hiking trails), Taughanock Park and Falls, Cayuga Lake Wine Trail, Seneca Lake Wine Trail, Skaneateles, and the Science Center (my eight-year-old son's favorite place). We're also foodies and have come to love Maxie's Supper Club (my favorite), the Heights Café (my wife's favorite), Doug's Fish Fry, and—of course—Glenwood Pines; there's nothing like a Pines Burger.

SF: What do you like best about working for Cornell?

CM: I tell people that it is absolutely the big time. By that I mean that I feel like I have stepped into the big leagues and I'm playing for a championship team. I work with extremely bright people, I get to learn from some of the most amazing leaders I have ever met, and I have the good fortune to travel around the world and meet Cornellians who continue to impress and amaze me.



SF: You're pretty well connected in alumni affairs. Compared to other schools, how are our programs doing?

CM: In terms of alumni interest, support, and passion for the alma mater, we are absolutely Number One. In terms of a mature alumni affairs program, we're a little behind some of the top places, but we are closing the gap quickly. Simply put, Cornell was under-investing in alumni affairs staffing and programs for decades. My predecessors did a phenomenal job with relatively sparse resources compared to our peer institutions in the Ivy-Plus

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Alumni Honored at Gala Events

Several alumni organizations have recognized Cornellians for their outstanding personal, professional, and volunteer achievements over the past few months.

Cornell Black Alumni Association

In November, CBAA held a gala at Uptown Grand in Harlem, owned by Joseph Holland '78, MA '79. There, Katrina James '96 was honored for her outstanding alumni leadership. Katrina is a past president of CBAA and a past board member of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO); she currently serves as vice president of the Cornell University Council. In addition, CBAA recognized James and Janice Turner. James Turner was the first director of Cornell's Africana Studies and Research Center, while his wife, Janice, is a retired associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. The event marked the launch of the James and Janice Turner CBAA Scholarship Endowment campaign, whose goal is to raise \$400,000 in time for CBAA's next reunion on campus in 2012.

Cornell Asian Alumni Association

In January, Roderick Chu, MBA '71, was honored at CAAA's annual banquet, which drew more than 300 Cornellians and friends to the Grand Harmony restaurant in New York's Chinatown. Chu is currently a vice president of the University Council. Also in attendance were former Cornell President Frank H. T. Rhodes, university vice president Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, dean of students Kent Hubbell '67, BArch '69, and SUNY Chancellor Nancy Zimpher.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

At a dinner at the Statler Hotel in November, Lynn Calpeter '86, Edwin Fessenden '54, Frederick Frank '79, Jules Janick '51, and Joseph Manelski '56 were given CALS 2010 Outstanding Alumni awards; Scott Belsky '02 received the Young Alumni Achievement Award. In addition, animal science professor David Galton and landscape architecture chair Peter Trowbridge were honored with Outstanding Faculty/Staff awards.



Party time: Distinguished Cornellians were honored at events hosted by (from top) CBAA, CAAA, and CALS.

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group (eight Ivies plus Stanford and MIT). Compared to those nine other schools, in 2008 Cornell was dead last in dollars per alumnus and in staff-to-alumni ratio. In the two and half years I've been here we've just about doubled our program budget and staffing levels to a point where we're near the top of the Ivy-Plus group. That is a big statement given the financial crisis we've been through.

As a division, Alumni Affairs and Development has reduced our work force overall. What we did, however, was to redeploy the FTEs (full-time equivalents) into our priority areas, which included investing in our alumni engagement strategy as described in the strategic plan that was published in February 2009. The investment we have made in our enhanced alumni affairs program—coupled with our rabidly loyal alumni—will pay off in increasing levels of engagement in the future. Cornell and Cornellians will benefit from that engagement in many ways.

SF: What's on your wish list for 2011?

CM: We are launching several new initiatives after a year of staffing up and continued strategic planning. My wish is for these programs (and these new staff members) to quickly get off the ground and become success stories. These include the completed launch of our online tool CornellConnect, student programs, young alumni initiatives, use of social media and other technologies, undergraduate affinity programs, a re-imagined Mosaic program, volunteer training and recognition, a new metrics program, and alumni career services. That is a lot of "new," but we're building on a very solid foundation of class and regionally based efforts that have been in place for decades.

SF: From an Alumni Affairs standpoint, what can alumni do to best support Cornell?

CM: Here is my top ten list: (1) Attend alumni events on and off campus; (2) join the CornellConnect online

community and sign up for your NetID; (3) stay current with Cornell news through the e-news, the Cornell website, and *Cornell Alumni Magazine*; (4) reminisce with a Cornell friend about the good old days; (5) visit campus for Homecoming, Reunion, anything—just come back; (6) network with other Cornellians—hire a Cornellian, refer a fellow alumnus, call a classmate; (7) promote Cornell in your hometown and help recruit new students to this great institution; (8) mentor a student or recent graduate; (9) give to your alma mater by making an annual gift of any amount; (10) volunteer your time for Cornell—there are plenty of opportunities.

SF: How's your new baby, Jack, doing?

CM: Jack is doing great, getting big and just about sleeping through the night. Jack's dad is tired, but I can't complain—because Jack's mom is exhausted!

Stephanie Fox '89 is a vice president of the Cornell Alumni Association.

What a Ride

By William Eaton '61

Honored to be chosen as the first alumni-elected trustee from the Hotel school and boasting more than thirty-five years of working closely with segments of the University, I felt confident that I was well versed in Cornell as a whole. It was only about fifteen minutes into our first orientation meeting in June 2007 that the truth was revealed, and I realized that my full knowledge was only a fraction of the complexity of Cornell's inner workings. Thanks to then-Provost Biddy Martin, the senior staff, and my trustee mentors, Diana Daniels '71 and Dwight Bush '79, I became acclimated.

The four-year term, now moving toward its end, commenced with the country in a strong economy and a rising stock market. It was a great time for everyone, and particularly a great time

to be more deeply involved with Cornell. The summer and fall were a whirlwind of activity as we observed and absorbed the enormous breadth and depth of the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees, and understood the true importance of the responsibilities that being a trustee embraced. An early and critical activity was to reconfirm need-blind admission and then extend a new financial aid program to all entering students.

By then we were on different terrain, one with enormous financial issues to tackle and solve. A talented team of fellow trustees, senior administrators, staff, and faculty joined to take the greatest of universities and keep it stable and viable—and in fact make it greater and better. The results are amazing, but not unexpected. Cornell is stronger than ever before.

My own focus was alumni affairs, student and academic affairs, and the administrative board of the Cornell Council. To have the opportunity to work side by



side with David Skorton, Kent Fuchs, Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94, Charlie Phlegar, Pete Meinig '61, Bob Katz '69, and so many others in these areas is a once in a lifetime experience. While my own activities were, for the most part, to support the great leadership of the team, just the chance to be a part of making Cornell better in some way is the greatest reward that an alumnus can receive.

Reimagining Cornell

By Stephen Ettinger '62, DVM '64

Thank you, Cornell alumni, for electing me to the Board of Trustees and providing me with four more years on the Hill. Unlike my undergraduate days in CALS and my time as a graduate student in veterinary medicine, I now view our University differently. As undergraduates, we tend to be focused on our own college, major, and future. The successful University, however, must be seen from a broader perspective.

During these four years, I have admired the difficult but necessary steps taken by the administration to cut costs and revise the budget. Reimagining Cornell focuses on how to sustain Cornell's

core competencies over the next fifty years. Our staff is older and many are nearing retirement. Replacement and continued growth requires that the University have a plan. New building must be curbed. Rebuilding and growing Cornell's endowment will sustain growth and excellence in Ithaca and New York City. We must also find better ways to engage all segments of society.

Susan Murphy, Kent Hubbell, and their staffs have ably led student affairs through incredibly difficult times, including financial constraints, the H1N1 epidemic, and psychosocial events on campus; I am impressed with their dedication to enhancing the

student experience. This sincere and loving attention has been the single most significant student-related process I experienced during my term. Kudos to those who care about all the people on our campus every day.



I feel honored to have served as the first veterinary graduate elected to the board. Being a board member is a university-wide function. Cornell's future lies in the dedication of our chairman, Peter Meinig, our skilled president, David Skorton, our provost, Kent Fuchs—who oversees day-to-day management of this incredibly complicated and diverse University—and the entire staff. The board functions to support and advise. It is the leadership that keeps Cornell a truly outstanding educational and research institution.

I thank my fellow alumni for giving me this opportunity to serve. My Cornell education, including this stint on the Board of Trustees, has afforded me opportunities from the day I graduated, and I am very grateful.

Voting for Alumni-Elected Trustees Begins

The Committee on Alumni Trustee Nominations, chaired by Robert Joy '72, BArch '73, has selected four candidates for election to the Board of Trustees for four-year terms. They are:

Gregory Galvin, PhD '84, MBA '93
Rana Glasgal '87, MEng '92
Mitchell Lee '90, JD '96
Eva Sage-Gavin '80

This year, alumni will be able to vote either via mailed paper ballot or online; alumni were sent an e-mail in December asking which method they preferred. Those voting online were sent an e-mail with a Web link; just enter the validation number in the e-mail and the last two digits of your class year.

Voting concludes April 1.

38 **Bill and Elsie Harrington Doolittle** (Glastonbury, CT; edoowdoo2@aol.com) report some winter skiing at Killington, VT, summer sailing on Long Island Sound, and ice boat racing at Bantam Lake, CT. Bill credits Sigma Nu fraternity with an ongoing role in his life. Elsie volunteers at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford, CT, where she is a docent, as well as the Child and Family Services shop in Glastonbury, CT. The Doolittles love their current location and have no plans for future moves. They would be most pleased to hear from **Ruth Barclay Wright**. **Marion Howe** (Ithaca, NY) writes, "I have always enjoyed proofreading. I now live in the Kendal community of 350 people here in Ithaca and am 'official proof-reader' for its monthly publication. This gives me pleasure, since my earlier activities are no longer possible. I also accompany weekly singalongs without the need for music—and that is a lot of fun."

Barbara Heimlich Aaron (Long Branch, NJ, and Lake Worth, FL) winters down south to escape the cold, but resides in the Garden State the rest of the year. "I have been leading a book club in the establishment in which I live, which is not an assisted living facility, but does have some activities, an exercise room (no attendant), and a card room. It is a no-smoking building, except in your own apartment. Pretty good for a 95-year-old gal!" Barbara no longer drives and thinks fondly of her former roommates **Frances Frumkin** Rachlin and **Eleanor Sichel** May. As to her own situation, Barbara writes, "When I need more help to take care of my pampered self, I'll have to face that. But my goal is to reach my 100th year. I find that the minutiae of just getting ready to face the world each day and to pin the smile on my face, bright and shiny, takes so long. I have two beautiful great-grandchildren: Brandon, 5, and Devin Aaron, 4, presently living in California with their parents. They moved there because their dad's work moved him to the main office in Los Angeles, CA."

Carol Thro Richardson (Stony Brook, NY; carol.clamqueen@cs.com) had just returned to the US from a month-long visit with her daughter Joan in Paris, France, when she wrote. Back at home, she volunteers one day a week at the Mather Hospital in Port Jefferson, where she phones cancer patients to check if they are still under care. Carol would be delighted to hear from **Helen Reichert** Chadwick. **M. Celia Coulter** (New Paltz, NY) would welcome word from **Emma Widger** Hunt, Marion Howe, and **Gertrude Cobb** Seely, but her news form doesn't disclose the latest in her own world. Celia, please send an update when next you write. **Jane Stoutenburg** Jordan, MA '41 (Tequesta, FL) passed away on November 4. She was 93. Her husband, Robert, writes, "She was living at home and following Florida politics right to the end." **Class of 1938**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

39 Longtime class correspondent **Ruth Gold Goodman**, MA '41, reports that at age 93, she has reached another plateau. "Probably you should

call it the 'waiting game,'" she writes. "All you 'old folks' left in our class know well what I mean. Activities, perforce, slow down because the body can no longer perform so well, yet the brain remains lively, curious, and about the age of 21. It's most disconcerting and a serious problem for us and our children and grandchildren. If anyone out there has a solution, I'd love to hear it." Since their move from Ithaca to Princeton to live with daughter **Judith (Goodman) '71** and **Robert Mecklenburger '71**, Ruth and husband **Bernie '41** are in the midst of a close and active family. "Lots of visits from far-flung members, all of whom are busy and doing very interesting things in this oh-so-pathetic world. They keep us learning and thinking and grateful for their love and attention. We think often of our classmates and wish them all well and a Happy New Year!"

Arnold Allison (Delray Beach, FL) writes of the memories stirred up by the Big Red football team's "almost winless" 2010 season. "It brings back our freshman year when Gil Dobie's varsity lost all their games except one," he writes. "We tied Columbia. Carl Snively took over the coaching and our freshman team went undefeated. Sophomore year, our varsity football team was named best in the US, winning all of their games. There were two All-American players on that team: **Jerome 'Bud' Holland**, MS '41, and **Sid Roth**. That remarkable team was composed of members of the Class of '39. It was a joy to attend those games at Schoellkopf Field." As to current-day events, Arnie reports that he's in "fairly good health," swimming daily, and still driving, even at night. "Enjoying these golden years in Florida with many friends who are much younger."

Elvira Falco Bass, MS '40 (Blue Hill, ME) has a new nest. "I sold my house in June," she writes, "and have moved to the next town to a cottage in a retirement community called Parker Ridge. The cottage has a guest room, should anyone wish to visit. And it has a nice garden and an area to raise veggies, come summer." Elvira still works at the Blue Hill Library, selling donated books on eBay. "This is an odd community," she says. "We get at least 1,000 books a month donated and we have two thriving bookstores in this very small town." When she wrote, Elvira had plans to travel with her son and daughter-in-law on a Road Scholar trip to Holland in April. "I'm still functioning," she adds. "One never knows at 92!" Linda and **Philip Fitzhugh** (Naples, FL) have also settled into a new home. Phil writes, "In 2009, we sold our condos in Naples, FL, and Canandaigua, NY, and settled into life at Bentley Village. Our apartment overlooks a lake with a rookery and the 11th hole of the 18-hole (par 3) golf course. The residents and staff are all wonderful, the activities endless, and the food—gourmet, but too much! A terrible fall in June '09 and a stroke in January '10 have me confined to a wheelchair, but with doctors, friends, and family, our calendar is full. It's a day at a time. Life is great!"

On the occasion of his 95th birthday, **Richard Dale** (Campbell, CA) sends greetings to all his College Ave. roommates. His December 2010 celebration featured a Giants baseball theme. He reports the sad news that his brother, **Gordon Dale**

'40, JD '47, died in 2006. Richard remains active. "My domestic partner and I flew to Hawaii in July to visit my daughter and three of her four children. I play bridge, practice yoga, and walk half a mile a day." He inquires whether the Llenroc Lodge is still in operation and sends greetings to all lodge members.

Byron Bookhout, MS '40 (Dover, DE) writes that his wife died in July 2009. "I continue to live in the same cottage in Westminster Village, which is a continuing care retirement center. Just celebrated my 96th birthday. Except for some arthritic problems, my health is generally good." **Edward Holcomb**, MD '43 (Mt. Pleasant, SC) moved five years ago from upstate New York to his retirement apartment outside Charleston, SC. "Have enjoyed this area greatly," he writes. "After 61 years of fine marriage, my wife **Nancy (Eggleston)**, MS '41, passed away two years ago, after a long health decline. My life remains quite active, coaching fencing two days a week, playing tennis and golf once a week, and the occasional evening of contract bridge."

Dedicated class member **G. Whitney Irish** (Canton, NY), writes, "I am still driving (mostly to doctors' appointments). We are pretty much done traveling." **Edna Schmidt** Aakre (Albert Lea, MN) says that she's holding her own in an apartment in a senior living facility. "Can't boast of great-grandchildren, but I do have four lively college-attending grandchildren and two still in middle or high school. They keep me up to date." Edna doesn't subscribe to the alumni magazine, but would be happy to hear news of classmates. As would we all! Send your news to: **Class of 1939**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

40 "My traveling days are over," writes **Doris Van Alstyne** Peller. "They have been excessive: on all continents—over 50 countries—all US states. Old age says enjoy your Valparaiso, IN, family and friends, and I do." When her children embarked on their Purdue educations, Doris made use of her Home Economics training to teach the subject for a decade at Valparaiso U. Now she volunteers at church and through PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization), which helps women who want to return to college, and with the Indiana sorority Kappa Kappa Kappa, which also helps students and those in need. Doris remains in touch with fellow Home Ec grad **Ellen "Toni" Saxe** Stewart (Ithaca, NY) through Christmas greetings.

Janet Greenwood Cooper (Burlington, VT; jbcooper15@yahoo.com) writes that she has been "staying home!" An infection in her right foot landed her in the hospital and required the removal of a toe. "I have been going to physical therapy since that episode for fall prevention. I'm still glad to be alive and living on my own." She hasn't been able to attend any Cornell events, but enjoys getting information of the activities of fellow alumni. Janet helps when she can with church activities. "I recently baked three batches of cookies for a homeless shelter!" **William Mogk** and wife

Vivian (Oxford, OH) report that they celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary this past year. Congratulations! William writes, "Still living in the Knolls of Oxford in assisted living. We talk to **Peg Fegley Droz '41** (widow of classmate **Armand**) in Tallahassee once in a while. Regards to all."

Our condolences to the families of **Robert Camp Ray** (Tampa, FL), who died on September 28, 2010, and **Robert Muggleton** (Skaneateles, NY), former owner of Muggleton Art Gallery in Auburn and Skaneateles, who died on March 18, 2009.

"Now that flower and vegetable gardens have been put to bed, I garden under eight shelves of lights in the basement and wait for spring," wrote **Claire Herrick** Yetter (Englewood, CO; claireyetter@comcast.net) as the winter solstice loomed. She adds, "I played for a year or two in the Cornell symphony and continue to practice my flute every day." Claire also does some work with her church, where she has many friends. She would enjoy hearing from **Carol Riordan Kennedy**. **Betty Huber** Knudson (Elk Grove, CA) writes, "Dog walking and golfing keep me moving and enjoying the great outdoors. In California these are year-round pursuits!" Send news of your activities and pursuits any time of year to: **Class of 1940**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. Class Notes Editor e-mail, adr4@cornell.edu.

41 It is December 1, 2010, as I write, and I have just called the Statler Hotel and made reunion reservations for Ken and me. By the time you read this, I shall hope that many of you have followed suit! I have asked for our reunion rep to keep me posted on who's coming; the May/June issue will be my next chance to let you know. However, if any of you have personal questions about friends, please feel free to contact me.

Elaine Yaxis Reinke (Massapequa, NY) reports that she has retired from landscape designing and now volunteers at the Sagamore Children's Center and also at the Salvation Center; she is knitting a lot for the homeless and for brides. This is a fascinating variety! In her "spare" time she is catching up on correspondence with old friends and "trying to downsize stuff in my house that I no longer need or use." (I'm beginning to think we need to form a group at reunion called the Downsizers.)

Martha Lawson Morse's son **Robert '67** (Arts) reported for her and her husband, Norman. "Martha and Norman still live in their Houston home, but are in frail health. They are visited frequently by children Bob, Betsy, and Bill and by various grandchildren. Travel, alas, is no longer an option, and Martha will not be able to show up for the 70th Reunion. Grandsons **Rick '00**, **Alan '02**, and **Tim, PhD '08**, all hold degrees from Cornell and are the fourth generation of the family to have attended Cornell." Many thanks to Robert for sending news of Martha and Norman. I looked up my last news of Martha in 2007, when summers were spent at Seneca Lake—lovely memories, I'm sure.

Sadly, **Marjorie Healy** Herrick died on Nov. 28, 2010 in Getzville, NY. Her obituary was published in the *Buffalo News* and sent to me by **Alene Cushing** Knibloe. Many thanks, Alene. The headline made special note that Marjorie and her first husband, Robert O'Brien, established the first travel agency in the area; it was sold in 1988. She made many friends, from New Zealand to South Carolina, and traveled extensively.

Enjoy the forsythia where you are or in memories of Cornell, and keep in touch. **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, 20 Haddington Lane, Delmar, NY 12054; e-mail, kid12054@aol.com.

Back in the May/June '09 issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, **Anthony Pennock** (Milton, GA) reported that he had remarried. It's worth repeating his words; he packs a lot of information in a small space: "My wife died in '04 after 60 years of marriage and I remarried in April '08 to Nancy Ford of Abington, VA. She moved here, with a passel of stuff. But we are settling in and happy." Now he writes, equally concisely, "Traveling, gardening, enjoying life. Being 90 is good; I use a cane and people give me seats, help me. I love it and am grateful." Tony, it sounds like married life with new bride Nancy really agrees with you—you have indeed settled in! How about journeying up to Ithaca for our big reunion and introducing us to our newest honorary class member?

Nicholas Hunter (Holland, NY) writes that he and his wife of 65 years, Julie, are healthy and "keeping up with all the changes" in their lives. They are happy that all their offspring, including nine great-grandchildren, are also doing well. He concludes, "We look forward to news from Cornell. It is hard to believe it's been 70 years since graduation!" Nick, I looked up Holland on Google Earth. Your hometown is only 30 miles or so from Buffalo and apparently not much of a drive to Ithaca. We sure hope you and Julie will be joining us for reunion!

Julian Smith (Ithaca, NY), the class playwright and composer, has been at it again! He's completed his sixth play, a nonfiction effort, and also a song, "Have You Got a License For That?" We may be hearing the Savage Club sing this one. He was contemplating a cruise around Cape Horn in November 2010! **Robert McCroskey**, BArch '42 (Desert Hot Springs, CA) says he's "still involved with architecture at 91." **Bill Sorn** (Syracuse, NY) is "still well at 90." **Robert Hoyle** (Lewiston, ID) writes, "Will be 90 in 2010 and seem to be indestructible." **Irving Drantch** (Beverly Hills, CA) is "looking forward to the 70th, God willing." **Malcolm** and **Elizabeth Vail** (Geneva, IL) say, "Age 90—still hanging in there—all's well!"

On a sad note, we are informed by **Ruth Baker Bellows '42** (Walnut Creek, CA) that her husband, **John**, passed away in February 2010. She continues to live at the same location. **Warner Lansing**, 6065 Verde Trail S., Apt. G310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; tel., (561) 487-2008; e-mail, wlansing@bellsouth.net.

42 A nice chat with Pres. **Liz Schlamm** Eddy (NYC) revealed she was expecting a visit from her great-granddaughter, which is always a pleasure. She also wants to remind everyone to send in their class dues so as to receive not only this magazine, but also a copy of the book issued to all new students at the university, thus continuing to include the Class of '42 in the annual New Student Reading Project. This year the book is *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* by Philip K. Dick. 115 classmates paid dues last year.

Lynn Timmerman writes, "The Sept. 20 edition of *Sports Illustrated* has, on page G-20, an article about one of my golfing buddies, Lt. Gen. Bill Ely, a member of Quail Ridge Country Club, which is where we live. Fascinating reading about what he has done and how he has played. Entitled

'Shooting Down Time,' it's in the Golf section. He and I have played many a time. He's 99 and has scored BELOW his age more than 2,500 times—and shot a 74 when he was 94! His golf handicap was at one time as low as 4, but is now at 19. When asked, after a round, if he had shot his age, his reply was: 'I'm not THAT bad!'" We all should be encouraged.

It was so illuminating to talk to **Jane Smiley** Hart (Washington, DC), whose unbelievable life after Cornell included teaching and living in D.C., where, during WWII, she was inducted into the OSS. She met our first consul to Arabia, who discovered a 30-mile oil project worth billions. After six months of training she was sent to Egypt and Greece. The war over, she was sent to Arabia, where she learned Arabic and Arabic jurisprudence. While in hospital there, she met her ambassador husband, Parker, a New Englander. Their first daughter was born in Saudi Arabia and then they served in Jordan, Cairo, Muscat, Kuwait, and Dubai. She's been around the world three times. She writes, "It was a wild life." No doubt about that. Eleven years since Parker's passing, Jane continues her busy life that even includes gardening, and she recently performed in a piano concert! She keeps up with her activities at the Smithsonian Museum, where the Women's Committee (which she started years ago) continues to hold craft fairs that raise a great deal of money for the museum and its participants. Jane's daughters live in California and Virginia. Her advice for the good life: "Don't smoke or drink, and get lots of exercise." Congratulations to Jane on her important and exciting life achievements.

Brilliantly, the university announced at the "Cornell on the Charles" event in Boston that it has reached the \$3 billion mark in its fundraising campaign. Only a handful of universities have ever reached this goal. Cornell has significantly increased its financial aid program, established new professorships, created funds to assist the graduate and professional schools, and raised support for new medical institutes and professorships at Weill Cornell Medical College. How remarkable to do so at this time.

Joe Kandiko (Chanhassen, MN) wrote about his doings, and I would certainly like all of you to do the same. I'd then have plenty of interesting news to relate and this column would be up to date all the time. Joe's been at the Summerwood assisted living facility for a year now and is so busy with all their activities he can't keep up. The food is so great he feels as though he's on a cruise ship. He goes to horse races and ballgames and visits his daughter-in-law's art exhibition at the Landscape Arboretum. Having his family close by is a real plus, for his three sons, seven grands, and four great-grands are all living useful and ambitious lives. "Son **Bob '76** and wife Karen are teaching in Washington State; son Dick is in Appleton, WI, and tends to 30-plus alpacas; son Ben is in Texas working at the Houston Zoo; granddaughter Beth is an MD working in Denver; and grandson Josh does marathons and Ironman triathlons while working for the U. of Wisconsin and getting his MBA. Granddaughter **Camille '02** works in London for Kings College, and grandson Tom is at the U. of Minnesota and recently went to China to order gear for a racing event organization he works for." Hope I got the details right. Talk about diversity!

Love hearing from you and hope you all keep in touch regularly by sending in your dues and filling out the News Form. **Carolyn Finneran**,

43 The mail today (it's November 18 of last year) brought a remarkable and refreshing 39 News Forms. In the slot for maiden name, **Alan Gould** (Jekyll Island, GA) writes, "Thought you'd never ask." And for "What I've been doing lately," one-time 150-lb. football stalwart **Dick Bonser** (Scarborough, ME) pens, "Staying alive." **Bill Grimes** (Tucson, AZ) writes: "We live in a premier retirement community. Full care until no more care is needed and then the rush to re-rent your apartment to someone who someday might need care. Between now and then we have endless games to play, endless meals to eat, and endless visits with endless dentists and endless doctors." More from all of the above later. Watch this space.

'We enjoy good health with the help of a few spare parts.'

Ray and Martha Edson Baxter '44

From Chapel Hill, NC, **Bill Leuchtenburg** reports in the third person: "Bill has marked his 30th year of collaboration with Ken Burns that began with *Huey Long* and has included such epics as *The Civil War*, *Baseball*, and *The National Parks*. He will be seen on camera soon in Ken Burns's *Prohibition* and *The Roosevelts* and is now working with Burns on *The Dust Bowl*." "Attended the 41st annual Scallop Fest in Bourne, Cape Cod, MA," writes **Pat Rider** Huber (Cromwell, CT). "Beautiful day. Beautiful food. Beautiful cruise along Cape Cod Canal. Am very happy living in Covenant Village of Cromwell. Very friendly place."

"Enjoying winters at our home in Boynton Beach, FL," reports **Jay Rosenthal**, "and Broadway, the opera, and the Philharmonic while in New York." Marcia Bickmore, daughter of **Dave Mertz** (Venice, FL) e-mailed me a candid of her handsome dad wearing specs with lenses so thick he looked like a less comely Prof. Harold Thompson. "Do you have one minus the specs?" I wrote. Next day a shot arrived with Dave looking like a deer caught in headlights. I wrote once more: "How about one with a monocle?"

Be proud that our class boasts eight lifetime members of the University Council. All rise and lift your glasses to **Mac Baker**, **Ace Bean**, **Steve Hawley**, **Bobette Rosenau** Leidner, **Larry Lowenstein**, **Lee Bassette** Pierce, **Mike Sfat**, MS '47, and **Edy Newman** Weinberger.

Hedy Neutze Alles (Haddonfield, NJ) reports that she traveled to New Hampshire to visit her grandson at Plymouth State U., and that she's been writing letters by hand that mostly go unacknowledged. "What am I doing wrong?" Well, Hedy, for one thing you stopped co-writing this column a few years back and obviously you lost the requisite humility and that common touch.

A recent *New York Times* piece featured the offering at \$1,299,000 of a 1960s house—recognized at the time as one of America's top ten—in Lambertville, PA, a hop, a skip, and a sidestroke across the Delaware from where I sit, designed as his residence by **Jules Gregory**, BArch '43, whom

you may remember (see p. 342 of 1943 *Cornellian*) atop a horse leading the Spring Day parade. You can find the house at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/midcentarc/2420578637/>. Next trick: find the million three.

Here's an update from the inimitable **Barbara Wahl** Cate: "I am in a new phase of my life. I find that I really like to be taken care of (oh dear, I do believe I ended a sentence with a preposition). I drive husband Tracy up the wall with questions such as, 'Shall I wear the bile green sneakers?' The best part of my day is my after-lunch nap, and that is no small affair: I put on my pink nightie and carry up a small tray of hot tea with honey, then I cuddle up with three pillows, and put on my . . . this is getting to be more than you wanted to hear. I can no longer remember names of the US presidents in order; Millard Fillmore simply will not keep to his slot . . . but really, why should I have to deal with a fellow who is so

skittish? Much more fun to remember Theodore (he did not like to be called Teddy—so pleased I remembered that). Did I mention that I lose my memory as I go from room to room? It is really very awkward. My favorite jigsaw puzzle of the United States is missing Idaho and Missouri; I simply cannot find them, and I wonder if it makes any difference. But, heavens to Betsy, it appears to be naptime. My teakettle is whistling. Dixie, I think. Back soon . . . Barbara." ■ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, olchap@comcast.net.

44 **John Bishop**, BCE '48, checks in from Vero Beach, FL, where he's still enjoying life. He makes a couple of trips north each year. **Barbara Van Slyke** Anderson (Phoenix, AZ) writes, "My book is published, my two daughters are attentive, I still drive (in the daytime), I'm still learning new things, and I live independently in an excellent CCRC. I am content." **Sigmund Hoffman**, MFS '48 (Glen Rock, NJ) reports on recent travels. He spent six weeks in Palm Beach during the winter of 2009-10 and some time during the spring in Great Barrington, MA, enjoying Tanglewood, Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival, and Shakespeare & Co., in Lenox. The Hoffman clan has a lake cottage, Sig reports. "This is where our family gathers—all six kids and grandkids. Both of us are well and enjoying life." **Ralph Clemments**, MD '46, sends word that he is still working, practicing psychiatry part-time.

Ann Bode Jennings, MEd '47, writes that she is "busy as usual." She had plans for a trip to Norway in June 2010 (including a stopover in London) with youngest daughter Ingrid as guide. She also had plans to visit Boston in August to see family. **Dorey Holmes** Jenkins (Catskill, NY; bommyj@mhccable.com) reports that family activities have kept her busy. "Two more grandchildren were part of this year's graduating class: **Stephanie Jenkins** '10 earned her bachelor's from

Arts and Sciences, while her cousin **Amanda Jenkins** '09, MHA '10, earned a master's in hospital administration. Grandson **Steven Jenkins** '11, Amanda's brother, spent the spring semester of his junior year in Rome." **Ruth Leonard Claassen** (Santa Rosa, CA) writes, "Any news I might write would be very similar to many of you. Daily life in my lovely retirement village provides programs, stimulus, and friendship. Two years mark passage since my dear husband, **Richard**, BA '43, died. That has curtailed the trips and activities we shared. My appreciation to the Kestens and **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell for their devoted efforts to maintain our '44 class identity and cohesiveness these many years. I read with interest the Cornell publications and marvel at the foresight and scope of Cornell's programs in this global era."

Ray and **Martha Edson Baxter** (Genesee, PA) report that they are still holding out on their farm. "Two sons and daughter **Sue Baxter** Murphy, MRP '76, have second homes here," writes Ray. "In May, identical twin grandsons **Andrew Baxter** '07, BS Ag '05, and **Peter Baxter** '05 were awarded MDs from New York U. Granddaughter **Wendy** '02 has returned from three years in Australia, spent the winter here job hunting, and will now work at UC Berkeley. Son **Andrew Baxter** (Princeton '78, Harvard Law '82) has been confirmed as a federal magistrate judge. Grandson **Chris** has graduated from Boston College last fall and has found work in his field with ESPN. We have been doing a little traveling to attend the related functions, but otherwise have little motivation to travel as the family all gathers here. We enjoy good health with the help of a few spare parts. I keep a big garden and we are active in our church and community. With the upkeep of the property and care of the horses, there is always much to do. We are blessed to have enjoyed 88 years of good living, 66 years of marriage, and 30 years of active retirement. It's been a great run and we look forward to what is ahead." Martha adds her appreciation to the Kestens for their continuing work on behalf of the Class of '44. Send news to: ■ **Class of 1944**, c/o *Cornell Alumni Magazine*, 401 East State St., Suite 301, Ithaca, NY 14850. **Dorothy Kay** Kesten, 1 Crestwood Rd., Westport, CT 06880; e-mail, dotkes10@optonline.net.

45 As some of our readers know, your co-correspondent **Julie Kamerer** Snell is a member of the American Association of University Women in a suburban Maryland branch. She reports the following: "Last May I noticed that Cornellians spoke at a program, 'Building a Sustainable City: The White Flint Partnership.'" Since my branch members are neighbors of the White Flint community, and it would be of interest to them, I arranged for **Piera Weiss**, MLA '80, and Francine E. Waters, a member of the White Flint Partnership and mother of Cornell senior **Eve Waters** '11, to speak. Not surprisingly, the program was a highlight of the current program year."

Marion Scott Cushing, BS '44 (Queensbury, NY) writes that husband **John** '47, MBA '49, passed away in February 2010. Our sincere sympathy, Marion. While he was at war, you worked at the General Electric Co., like **Virginia Mikkelsen** MacGuire, BA '44, and me, and I have fond memories of our lunching together on the lawn that summer. **N. Bruce Weir** (Glenside, PA; nbweir@aol.com) with son Rob has been a caregiver of his wife, Mary, who has been battling

Parkinson's disease for seven years. He spends most of his time sleeping, but watches sports on TV and does a little gardening on occasion. He'd rather be doing engineering and forensic consulting, but the responsibilities described above have forced retirement. He fondly remembers sailing "E" sloops on Cayuga Lake. He'd like to hear from **Charles White '46**.

Dorothy Zimmerman Jones, BS Nurs '47 (Macon, GA) plays bridge, belongs to the United Methodist Women, the History Club of Macon, and the Music Club. She would like to become a volunteer for the Macon Symphony Guild activities. (Any local Cornellians able to give her an assist on this?) Sunny fall days at football games feature large in her Cornell memories, along with tea dances at the Straight, where she learned to drink coffee black. She'd like to hear from **Barbara Benjamin Westlake** and **Margaret Bayne French**. **Frances Shloss**, BArch '44 (Beverly Hills, CA) is an architect and enjoying life. She is a tutor at the elementary school. She hasn't been on any cruises, but enjoys golfing, tutoring, church committees, and fighting City Hall against overdevelopment. She will be going to Lake Okoboji, IA, for the summer—golfing, swimming, boating, yacht club parties, painting classes, and summer theatre. She loved everything about her time at Cornell. She especially enjoyed working at the Navy mess hall. She was given a car to pick up kitchen help at 5 a.m.!

James Conboy (Fort Plain, NY; stilaw@tele.net.net) is retired and occupies his time with loafing, doing crossword puzzles, and reading the news. The campus life is what he remembers most fondly from his time at Cornell. **William Berley**, BS Ag '48, attended two courses given at Cornell's Adult University on campus in the summer of 2010: The Ethical Mind and Obama. **El-liott Feiden**, BCE '44 (Mamaroneck, NY; efeiden@optonline.net) is married to **Elaine (Smith) '44**. He says he's keeping alive and visiting doctors and occasionally does engineering consulting. El-liott would like to hear from **Jerome Kempler**, BCE '44.

Lena Struglia (Salem, OR; Struglia0909@comcast.net) is learning to play the ukulele and helps Hispanics improve their English. She volunteers in several places: at a local library and as an usher at Willamette U. concerts and historic Elsinore Theatre. She'd like to take a trip to Italy and visit her relatives. She is most grateful for having been able to earn her BS at Cornell. **James Monroe**, BME '44, is retired. He says he used to be active, but now he's lazy. (We're just doing different things now, James.) He lives in Palm Desert, CA, during the five months of winter and in a retirement home in Cincinnati, OH, the rest of the year. His children are all out of town, one daughter even living in Australia. But they visit often. In spite of the war, he remembers happy times and the people he knew: **Nicky Bawlf '51**, the soccer coach, **Foster Coffin 1912** and Ed Whiting at Willard Straight, and some of the professors in Engineering.

Lorraine Hile Copeland (Beaufort, NC) missed reunion because she was in Glacier and Yellowstone national parks. She volunteers at the North Carolina Maritime Museum one afternoon a week and she goes to water aerobics four mornings a week. **Joseph Klockner** (Denville, NJ) sings in a barbershop chorus as a member of the Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America (SPEBSQSA). He recently settled into the Franciscan Oaks Health

Care Center. He'd like to be fishing and doing beach activities. His Cornell memories center around meeting his wife, **Doris (Fenton) '43**, in Balch Hall and fraternity days and nights at Theta Xi. **Geraldine Dunn Jennings** (Gaithersburg, MD) has been a volunteer teacher of English conversation in a county public library for five years. She follows soccer games and other doings of her 18 grandchildren. She'd like to hear from **Marge Hammersley Wesp**.

It's always a pleasure to hear from our classmates. Do let us hear from you. **Julie Kamerer Snell**, 3154 Gracefield Rd., #111, Silver Spring, MD 20904-0806; e-mail, Julie.Snell@verizon.net; **Robert Frankenfeld**, 6291 E. Bixby Hill Rd., Long Beach, CA 90815; e-mail, betbobf@aol.com.

46 Thank you again. Just when I was out of news, you flooded my mailbox. You are the best class ever! I hope to see some of you at our 65th Reunion in June.

Iris Smith Morris, BA '45 (Floral Park, NY) wrote that she is retired after practicing psychiatry for 55 years. She heads a Cornell family, with two of her six children as graduates, plus two grandchildren. Another two grandchildren are presently attending. Quite a few of our classmates' children have followed the tradition. **Jane Purdy Cable** (Naples, FL) wrote that she has been living at Mooring Park, a retirement community, for 11 years. "I've been blessed with two children and four grandchildren. I'm no longer as active, but continue to play bridge and lead our book club. I also belong to the local Kappa Kappa Gamma alumni. **Evelyn Knowlton Lambert '45** also lives here." **Anne Hodgkins Ransom** (Powder Springs, GA) wrote that she has 16 grandchildren, plus an equal number of great-grandchildren. "I'm busy going to family gatherings like birthdays and weddings. While at Cornell, I was in a sorority and studied child development in the Home Ec school."

Ruth Rothschild Mayleas (New York City) is a board member of the League of Professional Theatre Women and the editor of their magazine. I also heard from fellow Buffalonian, **Sylvia Helbert Paul**, who wrote, "I'm diligently exercising to overcome residual effects of two falls so I can represent our class in the Alumni Run at reunion. I badly tore my shoulder and broke my leg." She has won many medals for our class over the years and I know she won't disappoint us this time. Right now she and Larry are snowbirding in Florida. **Janet Elwin Starr** (Hanover, PA) wrote, "I'm also in a retirement community. I volunteer there and at church, and keep busy with water exercises and Tai Chi to keep arthritic knees limber. My traveling time is confined to the US."

Kay Smith Mancini (Palm Coast, FL) wrote, "I'd still be working if I hadn't fallen and broken my hip. It takes time to accommodate to a quieter life." **Marge Krausmann Moyer** (Central Square, NY) wrote, "I participate in few activities due to my severe arthritis and only get to visit with my family and neighbors. I've lived at this address for the past 20 years." **Ginny Dondero Pfundstein** (Winter Park, FL) said, "**Gerry, GR '44-45**, and I are lucky to be still living in our house. We participate in life at the U. of Central Florida and are on the board of a senior group at church. I volunteer at Leu Gardens Museum in Orlando. My challenge is a hearing loss." **Nancy Hubbard Perryman** of Rochester is still interested in ornithology. **Naomi Colvin Gellman**, BA '45 (New

York City) wrote a detailed story of her life: four children, 20 years as a high school math teacher, and 20 years with the Dept. of Health in New York City. "I love every minute of the freedom now for theatre, museums, travel, and reading."

I hope I've been able to condense your news accurately, as I'm having the same trouble with my eyes and handwriting as you do. If I've gotten any news wrong, please send corrections to my address, e-mail, or phone, and I'll print the corrections as soon as possible. **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, 9 Reading Dr., Apt. 302, Wernersville, PA 19565; tel., (610) 927-8777; e-mail, mopsyk@comcast.net.

Does 65 go into 11? Certainly not evenly. But our 65th Reunion will go beautifully into June 9-12 of 2011. From 35 responses received as of mid-December 2010, 15 classmates plan to attend, with 14 guests. The first 15 are: **Hazel Brill** Brampton, **Evelyn Call** Brumsted, BS HE '45, **Nancy Mynott Davis**, **Margaret Monteith** Edelman, BA '45, **Maj-Britt Karlsson** Gabel, **Philip Gisser**, **Dorothy Van Vleet** Hicks, BS HE '45, **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, **Paul Levine**, **Kathleen Smith Mancini**, **Bob Nist**, **Carol Skaer** Ryan, BS HE '45, **Richard Selby**, **Lloyd Slaughter**, and **Rayma Carter** Wilson. Seven said "maybe" and 14 were doubtful or said "no."

If anyone wants an updated list of classmate attendees (and/or the "maybes") or their e-mail addresses for carpooling or persuasion to attend, e-mail me with your request. I can probably help. Bob Nist promises positive results in recruiting his V12 buddies for reunion. Pending approval of Scott Tucker, director of the Glee Club, **Dottie Taylor** Prey (a hopeful "maybe") and I will again sing a parody of "Song of the Classes," plus a new, top secret, special verse at Cornelliana Night. Many other surprises are forthcoming. See you on the Hill in June of '11.

After many years, we've heard from **Robert Sinclair Jr.**, BEE '45 (Morris Plains, NJ; bobsinc@verizon.net). He and Jeanne have lived there since 1969. Bob sings bass in the St. Paul's Episcopal Church choir and is a lay Eucharistic minister. He also sings in the bass section of the Morris Choral Society. Bob volunteers at the Morristown Memorial Hospital, where he sorts and delivers mail and serves as a courier ("a fancy term for running errands"). Most memorable, while at Cornell, were meetings of the Delta Club. Bob hasn't lost his taste for beer, instilled by those meetings.

Philip Gisser (New York, NY; pgisser@nyc.rr.com) is secretary/treasurer and a director for Fitness4Diabetic.com. The rapidly growing, four-year-old company provides online, lifestyle coaching for diabetics. Phil also supports a few long-term consulting clients. Most of his free time is spent visiting Norma Jean, his wife of 58 years, at a nearby nursing home. He bicycles there through Central Park, weather permitting. Phil recently downsized into a condo a few blocks away from his previous residence.

Lee Rothenberg, BS ORIE '48, reported that fellow Pi Lam **Dave Zuch**, BS Hotel '48, died on August 26, 2009. Dave served as an officer in the Air Force for about two years and flew bombing missions in the Pacific during WWII. After the war he graduated from Cornell's Hotel school and owned and managed Keen's English Chop House. Before his military service, Dave was famous for his ability to concentrate and pull off top grades on his EE studies amidst some of the most raucous bull sessions ever conducted at any fraternity house.

To list your e-mail address in your submissions, send your news to me via e-mail. Include

your name, city, and state. Send news to: **Paul Levine**, 31 Chicory Lane, San Carlos, CA 94070; tel., (650) 592-5273; e-mail, pblevine@juno.com. Class website, <http://classof46.alumni.cornell.edu>.

47 Hello again and thanks to everyone who has written and told us what they are up to. It really makes my day! Let's talk about persistence with **Fred Yarrington**, BME '46, who writes from Florida that he wanted to make a donation to the '47 Scholarship Fund. This is our class project that gives monetary grants to needy students. Try as he might (three letters for info) he didn't receive a reply, so he contacted me and I put him in touch with **Linda Pearce** Kabelac '69 at the university, who handles this for our class. He was able to make the donation and help a student. Fred suggested that we give this project more attention and here goes:

Our Scholarship Fund currently has \$282,428 and is generating \$14,203 for annual awards. In 2010 four students were named as Class of '47 Tradition Fellows and received monetary grants. Anyone wishing to contribute to this great project can contact Linda Kabelac at Cornell (LPK1@cornell.edu or 607-254-6137), or let me know and I will have her contact you personally.

Gilbert Tandy (Tandy Beach, FL) tells us that he is golfing and playing bridge. He and wife Florence have three children, one a dentist, another a speech therapist, and the third an IT specialist. Also in their family are two grandchildren who are in college. Gil and Florence go on cruises once or twice a year and just celebrated their 60th anniversary in December. **Ralph Ware** still spends summers at Lake Charlevoix, MI. He has spent at least one month of every summer at the magnificent home that his grandfather built in the Belvedere Club on the lake. He takes his nap in the same spot his father took his nap. Ralph now lives in Texas. **Margot Poritsky** Jerrard and her husband have sold their house, where they lived for 47 years, and moved to an apartment in the same town, Urbana, IL. They also have two Cornell children, **Leigh Jerrard '85** and **Robert Jerrard '86**, in addition to a daughter that went to UC Berkeley.

Georgia Franklin Olsson is now living in Clemson, SC, in a retirement center near her daughter and family. However, she regrets that she sold her car and misses New Hampshire and its varied weather—and of course her friends. **Margaret Parker** Noah has been living in Northern Virginia for the past ten years to be near her children, Matt and Mary. Matt works for the State Dept. and Mary works for Fannie Mae. **Helen Tetter** Kennedy writes from Vero Beach, FL, that the last reunion she attended was the 40th. She was amazed at the changes, and disappointed at the same time. She felt that Balch Hall and her sorority house were not well kept. **Malcolm Steinberg**, BCE '46, now retired from the Texas Dept. of Transportation, is working on updating his book *Geo Membranes and the Control of Expansive Soils* for publication in India. **Russell Hodnett**, MS '57, still lives in Ithaca. After retiring from the College of Agriculture in 1975, he spent ten years as a consultant for farm organizations and as a realtor selling farms. He then spent 20 years as a farm management and financial consultant for New York farms. **Madeline Rosenthal** Goodwin has been married for over 63 years. She is 85, and husband Eugene is 95. They have twin sons, one an MD and the other a lawyer.

News from **Bernardine Morris** Erkins (Bliss, ID) is unique. She and husband Robert have ten children, 28 grandkids, and four great-ones. They are spread out all over the US and in good health. **Bella Lewis** Harris and husband Jacob sold their house in Chappaqua, NY, and now live in New York City. **Joseph Leeds** now lives in an assisted living facility in River Vale, NJ. He and his wife, who passed away, used to fly to Ithaca to chaperone house parties at a frat house. He has two sons and four grandchildren, and says, "Unfortunately, both sons went to Syracuse, and at this moment one granddaughter is at Ithaca College." He and his wife attended our 60th Reunion and he was amazed at the changes that have been made.

That's all the news that's fit to print, as they used to say. Keep the info coming, so I can continue to be your noble correspondent. **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain, 653 Primrose Lane, River Vale, NJ 07675; tel., (201) 391-1263; e-mail irashain1@verizon.net; **Artie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com.

48 **William Arthur** and wife Ann are living in the RiverMead Retirement Community in Peterborough, NH. "We like it here, and I like living in New Hampshire because the taxes are reasonable. Not planning to purchase a new car, as my Chevy Malibu is running well. Had to stop driving it for a while last August because I had my left hip joint replaced, but the doctors said I should be fully recovered by December 1 (the usual 12 weeks). I think the US situation is deteriorating, as the government is moving too far to the left."

Also enjoying New Hampshire is **Sally McGowan** Rice, Wolfeboro, NH: "Gym, hospice, AA. All I can do is take care of myself and be kind to the people around me. I love New Hampshire for its climate, the scenery, the people, the low taxes, and its motto, 'Live Free or Die.' Only trouble is, it's far from the ocean. I loved my little waterfront house in Connecticut with my boat moored right in front. That house is supporting me now. Tomorrow I go to the gym. Went to my daughter's house in Bedford, MA, for my favorite holiday, Halloween. I love my Subaru with AWD, a blessing in the winter. I'm a hospice volunteer and have noticed that the dying are less needy than the people who love them. I'm trying to stay healthy and self-sufficient till death do us part. The big event was loss of my son by his own hand. I treasure every moment with my surviving family: children, grandchildren, in-laws, sister and sister-in-law, daughters-in-law, nieces, and nephews. Not worried about dying myself. I haven't acquired any new knowledge recently. Maybe I'm 'losing it.' All I have is today or even this moment, so I do the best I can with it."

From Washington, NH . . . **Elizabeth Alden** Talpey: "New Hampshire has many lovely small towns, lots of lakes and hills with beautiful views, and terrific people. The only bad thing is black fly season! I've loved everywhere I've lived—eight states, Grenoble, France, and Arecibo, PR. Watched Michigan beat Notre Dame! We went on a river tour in France (the Rhone) with **Priscilla Alden** Rice '46 and husband Bill. We attended the memorial service for Dr. William Gordon at Cornell last May." This editor was sorry to hear we lost **Jim McChesney** in November 2010, Alpha Chi Rho, Ridgefield, CT. He was a steady "news and dues" member for many years.

José Rossi, San Juan, PR: "Managing a construction and fabrication enterprise belonging to several of my children. I think things are improving, only because it was worse a couple of years back. Keep on trying. We may someday make it work. Nothing's good about Puerto Rico right now! Unemployment, economic problems, and the worst administration we've had in the past 60 years. Any state would be better to live in! I'm working my butt off to improve conditions within my reach. Work, work, work, travel, and travel and enjoy life tremendously. My car runs uphill and downhill and I'll keep it till it can't. Problem is not letting the present recession and political absurdities obscure my mind. Life's highlight was marrying Vicky 54 years ago. Not worried about the future—money, awards, recognitions. I have all the satisfaction I'll ever want with what I have now. Discovered recently the knowledge of aeolic power generation and the art of designing, building, and marketing a low velocity turbine for wind power generation. We are here for a purpose and there for a reward. Enjoy giving and discovering the meaning of life. Time moves on. We need to keep up with it. Every day presents new opportunities to learn and to improve on our knowledge, patience, and demeanor. We need to remain very much aware about everything that goes on around us and remain alert as to how best to use new knowledge coupled with old knowledge."

Andre Jagendorf, L. H. Bailey Professor Emeritus, Ithaca: "Working on a no-cost post-doctorate for a Cornell colleague. Situation is bumming me out. Crazy people ignoring reality, led on by Fox News distorters, are polarizing this country. Treasonous Republican Senators and Congressmen are ignoring real problems and doing everything to discredit Obama. We should increase the Democratic party majorities in the House and Senate. What do I like about this place? The scenery, inexpensive excellent theatre (Kitchen Theatre, Hangar Theatre, Ithaca College theatre, etc.). Happy with car: 40 mpg in city; 52 mpg on trips. Hope to keep it at least ten more years. Saw some great opera in Cooperstown, extraordinary exhibits (historical photographs, fancy clothes of the past, John Singer Sargent paintings) at the Fenimore Art Museum. My problem today is getting a good night's sleep."

Tom Baker, Clinton, TN: "Gardening at home and church, plus some church renovation. I like Tennessee. Great weather year-round and it votes Republican. My car runs well and I plan to keep it until I croak. We have 15 grandkids, nine great-grandkids. I'm dismayed at how rapidly we are approaching the beginning of the Class Notes columns in the magazine!" [Don't fret, Tom. Stegmiers beer was a good preservative!] **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776; e-mail, bobpersons48@gmail.com.

49 **Lois Bergen Abbott** (Boulder, CO; LAbbott@colorado.edu) was married to the late **Frank Abbott** '42, MPA '49. She is president of the board of trustees of a large Unitarian church in Golden, CO. Her extracurricular activities include "keeping up with five children spread from California to New York and North Carolina, and their children all over the world." She has been planning landscapes for her backyard—"anything but grass in this dry country of Boulder," she tells us. Lois would rather be "being less than 80!" Her fondest memories of

the Hill are hiking and swimming in the gorges.

'49ers who attended the Van Cleef Memorial Dinner last June at the Lab of Ornithology in Sapsucker Woods were **Jack and Inger Molmen Gilbert** (Ithaca, NY; ingerjack@msn.com), **Virginia Hallett Hardesty** (Ithaca, NY; ginna@capital.net), **Robert Nafis** (Ithaca, NY; rnafris@twcny.rr.com), **Gerry Oberrender** (Ithaca, NY; oberrender@verizon.net), **Carol Bagger Skinner** (Trumansburg, NY; carolbskinner@yahoo.com), and **Bernard Stanton** (Ithaca, NY; bfs2@cornell.edu). The dinner is held during Reunion Weekend for "locals," in a non-reunion year beyond their 50th Reunion, Jack explains.

Carman Hill (Glenwood Farm, Ithaca, NY; carmhill@earthlink.net) sent us his latest news, as well as a picture of his beautiful house, noting, "A man's home is his castle, in a manner of speaking." He's married to **Sandy Brink Hill, MS '77**, who got her BS at the U. of Vermont in 1958. Carman's day job in the spring is "harvesting wood for our woodstove, planting our vegetable garden, and doing springtime clean-up around the yards of our home." After hours, he enjoys dancing with Sandy, going to good restaurants on weekends, and playing tennis. He adds, "I am thankful that I can do it. We have seen it all, heard it all, done it all; we just can't remember it all." Carman does remember that in 1943 he came from a small high school and then spent two years in Germany in WWII, "so at first, Cornell was overwhelming. My advisor and professors helped me to succeed at Cornell and after graduation." He would enjoy hearing from "any of the Phi Kappa Psi brothers who pledged me during the spring term of 1946 (I graduated after earning enough credits after seven terms)."

Alfredo Larin (San Diego, CA) writes that he is sorry he didn't make it to the last reunion. A semi-retired architect, some of his recent works include the Club Social y Deportivo Campestre, the Tijuana Country Club, Plaza Agua Caliente Hotel and Office Building, the Plaza Patria Shopping Center, and the Funeria Los Olivos Funeral Home, all in Tijuana, Mexico, as well as projects in the United States. He tells us that he has been "enjoying life" and his after-hours activity is exercise. Alfredo remembers fondly the campus atmosphere. He would like to hear from **Walter "Wally" Rutes**, BArch '50. "There's not room for three!" **Barbara Patric Werther** (Grand Rapids, MI) told her husband, Herman, when he and his walker joined her in their small kitchen while she was cooking. Luckily, physical therapy has made the walker redundant. Barbara says that their grandchildren are scattered around the world. She enjoys reading and keeping in touch with the many friends she made when she was in Home Ec and lived at 308 Waite Avenue, among them **Mary Jane Smith** (New York, NY). However, she has been saddened by the loss of six friends within a three-week period. Barbara tells us that the fall used to be her favorite season, "but the older I get the more I look forward to spring." She would enjoy hearing from **Roxanne Rosse Williams** and **Chuck Huey '44**, BS Ag '46.

Anne "Sue" Sheary Bieter (Sun City West, AZ) tells us that she "is living in a very nice retirement residence. I neither cook nor clean." She adds that after living for 32 years in Minnesota, she is "not going to be cold again!" In fact, that's why at Christmastime she didn't visit either of her daughters **Kimberley Bieter Chandler '74**, who practices law in Denver, CO, or Margaret Angrick in Bedford, NH. Sue attends concerts and plays

and reads a lot of books, especially mysteries. She also knits crib blankets for battered women's shelters. It is the views of the "gorgeous Cornell campus" that Sue remembers most fondly. She would enjoy hearing from **Cindy Perry Servis**. **Ronald Lindy** (Scotch Plains, NJ) has been with the same firm, Mooney General Paper Co. (Hillside, NJ), for 60 years. Widowed for over ten years, he's active with grandchildren's activities. Friendships and campus activities are things he remembers most fondly from his years on the Hill.

‘Ralph Ware takes his nap in the same spot his father took his nap.’

Sylvia Kianoff Shain '47

Peter Bush (Fish Creek, WI; peterbush@aol.com), married to Betty, is retired and active and describes living on a bluff 500 feet over the Bay of Green Bay as in a "garden in Eden." His most fond memory of Cornell? "Everything—a fabulous four years!" He'd enjoy hearing from his Cornell friends and regrets not making our 60th Reunion. **Barbara Way Hunter** (Walpole, NH) is in her second year as president of the Walpole Historical Society and, with her husband, Austin, keeps busy with her extended family in New Hampshire and traveling to and from Point O' Woods, Fire Island. She notes that her grandson and granddaughter are fifth-generation Cornellians.

The Krebs in Skaneateles, NY, the 111-year-old restaurant, well-known to Cornellians, has been sold to Adam Weitsman, for \$1.05 million, according to a newspaper item sent to us by class president Jack Gilbert. The new owner and his wife plan to renovate and operate the restaurant, donating the profits to the Onondaga County food banks and other charities. Thank you all for your great news. Let's keep it coming. □ **Dorothy "Dee" Mulhoffer Solow**, 1625 Lilac Lane, Crescent, PA 15046; tel., (724) 784-0371 or (315) 717-6003; e-mail, winspeck@yahoo.com.

50 Mark your calendars! Our traditional, springtime-in-Manhattan, Class of 1950 dinner will be at the Cornell Club of New York, 6 East 44th Street, NYC, on Friday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. To make a reservation send \$75 each to **Stan Rodwin**, Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546. Hope to see you there!

Pat Carry Stewart (Gulf Stream, FL; stewartpc@aol.com), whom we elected as our new class president at reunion in June, has had a long career as a business executive. In the 1960s and early 1970s, she was a partner, then president of Buckner & Co., a New York Stock Exchange firm. For nearly 20 years, from 1973 to 1992, she was vice president for finance and administration for the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation. She has served on the boards of 11 major corporations, including TWA, Borden, and Continental Insurance Co. For 28 years, from 1967 to 1995, she was also a Cornell trustee. She was married to a fellow trustee, the late **Charles T. '40**.

John Mellor, PhD '54 (jmellor@jmassocinc.com) is president of John Mellor Associates Inc., a consulting firm in Washington, DC, that advises foreign governments about agricultural issues.

"I am still working full-time," John writes. "I am just back from a month in Angola, leading a five-person team, advising the government on development policy." Mellor Associates has also worked in Ethiopia, Guatemala, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. You can find out more about John's overseas activities at his website, www.jmassocinc.com. John previously was a professor in the Dept. of Agricultural Economics at Cornell.

Arlene Lebeau Branch (Saranac Lake, NY) retired in September 2009 from her job as regional

dietitian with the NYS Department of Corrections, but her retirement didn't last long. She quickly became "bored with TV and talking to the cats. I accepted a per-diem post at the Adirondack Medical Center in the Bariatric Unit. Bariatric surgery is a new field for me—it's always great to learn new areas of dietetics." **Joe Dwyer**, JD '52, says he is "still practicing with my trial law firm," Dwyer, Black, and Lyle LLP, in Olean, NY. Joe served in the Navy as a radioman during WWII and at Cornell played varsity football on the 1948-49 team. **Bill Slike**, former president of Slike Publishing Co. in Harrisburg, PA, has now moved to Mechanicsburg, PA. **Dan Chabot** (Palm City, FL; dchabot948@aol.com) keeps in touch with **Jean Michelini Farley** (farpart@yahoo.com), a high school classmate from Tarrytown, NY, who now lives in Sarasota, FL.

Maria Iandolo New (maria.new@msm.edu) continues as a professor of pediatrics and human genetics at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York. She is also associate dean of clinical research at Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida Int'l U., in Miami. Maria, you may recall, was chairman of the Dept. of Pediatrics at Cornell's Weill Medical College for 22 years, from 1980 to 2002. All three of Maria's children also became physicians. **Dick Silver**, MD '53 (rtsilve@med.cornell.edu) continues as a professor of medicine at Weill Cornell and director of the Leukemia and Myeloproliferative Center, "involved in new drug development and studying the natural history of these diseases."

Last summer **John** and **Carol McMillan Lawes** (West Grove, PA) and **Lawrence Lodico** (Ithaca, NY; rlodico@earthlink.net) again returned to campus for Cornell's Adult University. John and Carol attended the session on Obama's First Half-Term: The Good, the Bad, and the Too-Soon-To-Tell, while Lawrence attended the Magic of Madrigals, a choral workshop; Creative Nonfiction, a writing workshop; and Now You're Cooking, a culinary workshop.

Jim Thomas (Charleston, WV; jrtctt910@aol.com) spent six months in France during WWII, "serving with glider regiments in the 13th and 82nd divisions." Jim became president of ITT Carbon Industries. **Kirk Reid** (Hudson, OH) describes his current work as "mowing, trimming, weeding, feeding, edging, watering, shearing, spading, planting, harvesting, then collapsing." Kirk was an engineer with GM. Mechanical Engineer **Roger Whitney** (rwhitney@ptd.net) earned an MBA from Syracuse and became a senior associate at

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Corning, in product and application engineering, “working with customers and manufacturing for industrial and electronic glassware. After retiring, I pursued an interest in carpentry, building houses for Habitat for Humanity in the Corning area.” Roger now lives in Pocono Pines, PA.

I’m sorry to report that **Lorraine Vogel Klerman** died last August. Lorraine married our classmate **Gerry**, raised four children, and earned a doctorate from Harvard’s School of Public Health. She was a professor of public health at Yale and at Brandeis. From 1992 to 1998, she was chair of the Dept. of Maternal and Child Health at the U. of Alabama, Birmingham. She then returned to Brandeis as a professor and director of the Inst. for Children, Youth, and Family Policy. “My mother taught until she died,” notes her son Daniel, a law professor at USC. “In fact, about a week before, she dictated a letter with specific instructions for her dissertation advisees and her grants.”

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51 From our co-reunion chair **Shelley Epstein Akabas**: “Can you believe it? Next month marks 60 years since we graduated from Cornell! As **Bill Phillips** reminds us, it is time to **Connect and Reconnect with Cornell Faces and Ithaca Places June 9-12 at our 60th Reunion. Steve Rounds** and I, with advice and help of the class officers, Class Council members, and past reunion chairs, have planned a really exciting and fun-packed party for us all. Several generous classmates and the class’s own membership fund have combined to subsidize the festivities so that we will be able to keep the cost for each of us at an amazingly low \$290.00 for the basic reunion program.

“That will cover a really spectacular program of goodies to hear, see, and eat. We will have sing-alongs each night with ice cream to keep our throats in working order, breakfast each morning with surprise extras like pancakes and bacon and eggs, a buffet dinner to greet you on Thursday night, a barbeque at Friday lunch, and a banquet both Friday night in the Statler ballroom and Saturday night in the Memorial Room. For those of us with transportation challenges there will be special car and limo service and, of course, buses for everyone else to move to each exciting venue. Friday we will have a private tour of the glorious new Welcome Center at the Plantations, the most sustainable building on the Cornell campus, led by Prof. **Don Rakow, PhD ’87**, the E. N. Wilds Director of Cornell Plantations. Then we will plant a tree in honor of the Class of 1951, thanks to **Bill Kay**’s generosity, and Don will talk with us about ‘Cornell Plantations: Planting for a Sustainable Future.’

“Saturday morning will bring Anne Kenney, the Carl A. Kroch University Librarian, to the Kay dorm, where we will be staying, for an eye-opening look into the future. Under the tantalizing title, *The Library of the 21st Century: It’s still called a Library, but it isn’t what you remember*, she will provide a stimulating discussion of how the Library is weaving its traditional strengths and cherished physical collections together with new tools, services, and approaches to meet the evolving needs of learning, teaching, and scholarship. Surprise and exciting guest speakers will join us at both

banquets, after receptions that will include wine, beer, and wonderful musical accompaniment of songs of the ’50s. If you haven’t signed up yet, the early-bird sign-up period ends May 15. Hurry to contact me (sa12@columbia.edu) for a chance to join the party of the century!”

Harold Bloom, Yale’s Sterling Professor of Humanities and a former Charles Eliot Norton Professor at Harvard, has a new book out in 2010, *Til I End My Song: A Gathering of Last Poems*. The *Jewish Daily Forward* recalls, “Last year, Yalies were startled when 97-year-old literary critic Meyer H. Abrams jauntily arrived on campus to lecture about poetry, particularly his experience teaching Harold Bloom when the latter was a Cornell graduate student in the 1950s.”

Charles H. and **Judith Moore** (New York, NY) are celebrating a 13th grandchild and Charles’s selection by *CRO* (now *CR*) *Magazine* as nonprofit and NGO “CEO of the Year” in 2008. He joined the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy in 1999 as executive director. He currently serves on the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, as governor of the National Art Museum of Sport, director of the Sports Authority (sporting goods retailer), commissioner of the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and national board member of the Smithsonian Institution. He visited **Buzz de Cordova**, JD ’56, to play in the Country Club of Florida’s member and guest golf tournament.

John and **Rose Carpenter Gemon ’53** (Glen-dora, CA) had a total family reunion celebrating John’s 80th birthday, with all five daughters and husbands and seven grandkids. They moved to a retirement community in Lacey, WA, in May as John closed out a 14-year career with Habitat for Humanity in California. **Sue Pardee Baker** (Cockeysville, MD) writes that **Tim Jr. ’74**, BArch ’75, and family will visit for a few weeks in July. “**Susie ’78** comes from Spain for a week in mid-May, and David and wife just ahead of Susie (they only have to come from Vermont). We feel blessed. We are delighted that **Tom** and **Marilyn Nuttle** and **Bettie Neumann** Byerly ’49 also live here in Broadmead, a great retirement community.” The Nuttles have two granddaughters at Cornell. **Jack Vinson** (Penn Valley, PA) writes, “Between Midge and me, we have seven children, 14 grandchildren, and one great-grandson.” Of his fondest memory of Cornell, he writes, “Five of the best years of my life.”

Larry Smith, BArch ’52 (Northport, NY) is still enjoying retirement from his busy architectural practice, dividing time between Northport and a relaxing retreat in Southampton. Son **Mark ’87** is associate chief of plastic surgery at the Beth Israel Hospital in Manhattan; daughter **Tami ’89**, also an MD, is a vice-president with Shire Pharmaceutical Co. Larry continues: “Spent 18 delightful days in France (Paris, Cannes, Provence) in September 2009 and visited northern Italy’s lake area with a CAU tour in July. As a sprint football alumnus, I was excited by the Big Red’s basketball exploits this season.” **Harold** and **Rose Gould** (Pavilion, NY) have a grandson at Cornell. Harold still helps with the family’s organic dairy farm, and remembers fondly Farm and Home Week at Cornell.

Sam Hochberger, BCE ’52 (Upper Saddle River, NJ) reports two new knees in July 2008, but because of a good surgeon and luck, experienced little pain and was back on the tennis court by November and played in the USTA tournament (Category II) in May 2009. “Did well!” He’s currently ranked nationally (41 in singles, 34 in doubles) and third in both in the East. Sam’s also been a

counselor for SCORE, advising small businesses and startups. His fond memories of Cornell include lecturing high school students about engineering, Lincoln Hall, Civil Engineering profs, and the old Engineering Quad. Donald and **Corinne Watkins Stork** (Penn Yan, NY) had a grandson graduating from Skidmore College and a granddaughter from George Washington last May. The Yates County Chamber of Commerce honored them with the Memorial Spirit Award in January, saying that Don and Corry "have been involved in nearly every aspect of life in Yates County and have given their time, talent, and resources unselfishly over the years." They spent two weeks in Alaska in 2008 to celebrate their anniversary. Her fondest memory of Cornell is playing softball and winning the "C."

Walter and Cindy Warren Schlaepfer '81 check in from Denmark, ME, where Walter's fond memories grow more vivid with time. "If I ever reunion again I would appreciate that the Glee Club include all the great Cornell music (songs I had to learn as a freshman)." Please send your news to: **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond101@suddenlink.net.

52 Well, my friends, you have done yourselves proud. The envelope of news updates arrived and there were 131—count 'em, 131—news forms inside. I don't know what caused this, but I'll try to do you justice.

John Ash (Chebeague Island, ME; jmathIV@yahoo.com) is busy. He drives passenger RVs two days a week; is on call for the fire department as designated driver for Engine #8; sings with a local choral group; sails a Rhodes 19; cruises an Ellis Downeast lobster yacht; cuts trees downed by the 2007 and 2010 storms; and maintains a summer cottage. Right now he's building a shed to get tools and furniture out of storage. Different at Cornell? He would have "won Olympics in '52 and '56." Coach "Stork" Sanford had the greatest impact. **Marjorie North Backus** (Wallingford, PA; margbackus@gmail.com) moved to Philadelphia to be closer to her two daughters. An avid reader, she plays bridge and is gradually getting to know fellow residents in her senior living facility. "I'm having a great time doing what I'm doing: learning a new city and people," she says, and adds that at Cornell she "would have worked harder."

We are a mixed group. **Donald Rodgers** (Bethany Beach, DE) is "praying that my country survives the progressives who don't understand why we are different and blessed." **James Carter "J.C." Fahy** is "seeking and promoting change as a politically progressive Democratic Socialist." He is also looking for ways to socialize and to stay connected; seeking out the most worthy, useful, caring individuals and groups deserving of financial support; and pursuing ways to maintain his physical and mental health. At Cornell, he would have partied less. He feels he just was not mature enough back then. **Clarke Harding** (Glen Carbon, IL; nmharding@sbcglobal.net) says he is "mostly just frittering it away—reading, working, visiting, house chores, etc. Nancy and I also help our daughter by babysitting, getting them to appointments, amusing them, etc. They're very demanding." At Cornell, he would have "partied more." **Gordon Gowen** (Alstead, NH; egandgg@worldpath.net) is "growing old gracefully!" Retired, he is putting around the farm and tending to various obligations. **Dick Groos** (Hastings, MI) now has a

granddaughter, **Maya Groos '14**, at Cornell. "She is the great-granddaughter of **Richard A. Groos, 1914**. Pretty impressive! She is a stunner!"

Walt and Lucille Carley Harrison, MED '53, are in the San Francisco Bay Area. Walt (walt@stanford.edu) retired from teaching physics, but continues research under the National Energy Technology Laboratory on fuel-cell-cathode materials. He has published his sixth book, *Theoretical Alchemy*. **Nancy Guttman Slack, MS '54** (Scotia, NY) is retired from Russell Sage College. She is "writing books and magazine articles, teaching ecology, natural history, and botany, birding, singing in an oratorio society, reading, and doing scientific travel with her husband." She had two books coming out in November 2010, one published by the Yale U. Press and the other, which she co-edited, by the Cambridge U. Press. She would have done nothing differently at Cornell. **Jack, DVM '52**, and **Mary Shear Brennan** (saranacmary@yahoo.com) wrote from Schenectady, NY. Mary is busy with grandchildren and also reads and enjoys traveling, especially to their Saranac Lake camp. She adds, "Recently I have been editing my husband's book, 'This Vet Has Tales,' about his career as a veterinarian. Why? Because he wasn't an English major." Greatest impact at Cornell: "Meeting my husband."

Dana Johnson (Pittsford, NY) has played in a large New Horizon Band for the past 20 years and in a '40s-'50s style dance band. He walks a mile or more every day. Greatest impact? "ILR professors **Milton Konvitz, PhD '33**, Neufeld, Clark, and Lefty James." **Joseph Kovacs** (Gainesville, FL; joekovacs1930@yahoo.com) is retired and enjoying it. He maintains his medical license, but does not practice. He pursues hobbies, attends U. of Florida events, and does some traveling. **William Lyon** (Zanesville, OH) is singing, golfing, and HO Gauge railroad modeling. His three grandchildren, who all graduated university in 2010, provided him with a great year. **Paul Schlein, MD '56** (Bethesda, MD; palsal301@netscape.net) plays tennis, golf, and bridge and is newly grandfathering. He sees many fellow Cornellians. He also volunteers in a free clinic. At Cornell he says he would have spent "more time staring at Cayuga." Impact: professors Milton Konvitz and **Perry Gilbert, PhD '40**. **Neil Van Vliet** (Vero Beach, FL; van8830@comcast.net) reports, "I am teaching 15-20 hours a week for the American Heart Association and American Red Cross as a volunteer (emergency response and CPR) for Indian River County Fire Rescue and health care providers."

Howard Shima (Honolulu, HI) is "swimming for exercise, taking care of grandchildren, playing bridge, and traveling." He is active in Kalihi Union Church and his community association. He writes that at Cornell he would have gotten better grades and cites Prof. **William McGuire, MCE '47**, Civil Engineering, as having had the greatest impact. **Joan Schmeckpeper Torelli** (Boynton Beach, FL) now lives in Florida year-round. She is very busy with church work and other volunteer duties. Impact? "Perry Gilbert—found my major in Zoology and my first job after graduation in the Cornell Medical College." **Carol Harris Wood** (Oviedo, FL; carollex@bellsouth.net) spends most of her time on her combined families. She and husband Lex travel three to four months a year. They have vacation homes in North Carolina and Missouri and children in seven states and four time zones. When not on the road, she's busy with church activities, study, and yard work. Currently she's at work on digital picture albums. She writes, "My

life is at a wonderful stage right now, but more time for creative projects would be welcome." She would have been more studious at Cornell, but finds that "fellow Cornellians from many different geographical and ethnic backgrounds" have had the greatest impact.

Shorter takes: **Jack Eisert** (Sleepy Hollow, NY), a retired doctor, is "catching up on things I could not do heretofore." **Joan Dutton Holloway** (Advance, NC) volunteers three mornings a week. She writes, "I hobble—curtains activities." **Ernest Mendel** (Midlothian, VA; ccmendel2000@yahoo.com) is still working and does "lots of travel." **Charles Miller** (Horseheads, NY; cmiller2@stny.rr.com) cites Prof. **Stan Warren '27**, PhD '31, Ag Economics, as having had the greatest impact on the Hill. **Shepherd Raimi** (New York, NY) works "part-time as a trustee." Impact? Professors Cushman and **Clinton Rossiter '39**. **John Wilson** (Glen Cove, NY) volunteers in Glen Cove Hospital and is treasurer of the hospital auxiliary. **Robert Blacker** (Miami, FL) spends his time "going to see doctors and relaxing."

Our class archivist **Barbara "Bibbi" Antrim Hartshorn** (bibbi@atlanticbb.net) visited the Class of '52 archives in Ithaca last summer and found not a lot there. If you have scrapbooks, magazines, or mementos from your college years, let Bibbi know. Better yet, bring them along to reunion. Reunion? Word from **Terry, JD '56**, and **Dori Crozier Warren** (rivburch@windstream.net): "Don't crowd schedules around June 7-10, 2012. It's our 60th Reunion. We promise you a campus refresher, classmate visits, updates by Ross Brann, lighter meals, softer music, and easier walking." If you want to help, let the Warrens know. **Joan Boffa** Gaul, joangaul@mac.com Class website, <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

53 Former USAF flier **Gerould "Jerry" Young** (Torrance, CA) is flying lower when on skis these days, following a total left knee replacement. But he reports hard work on therapy. He's had the word from a grandson a while back: "Granddad, we're ordering you to go to the top of the mountain this year." Before this season, he reckoned, "I think my steep-and-deep days are over, but I haven't given up on the groomies." His most unforgettable character was one of the remarkable boys of the wild blue yonder who built young lieutenants with the AFROTC. He mentions Roger Stevens, "my primary flying instructor, who had been an RAF Typhoon pilot during WWII. He was always cool as a cucumber." Understandable. For instances: The Typhoon was a hot fighter-bomber developed to replace the Spitfires and Hurricanes of the Battle of Britain. But in flight it somewhat resembled the at least equally hot German Focke-Wulf FW 190 and too many Brit fliers were shot down by "friendlies" due to mistaken identity. It was said that vibrations might make the Typhoon's wing skin peel and many were lost for mysterious causes. Etc.

Good news and more good news from **Mac Storm, JD '60** (aka Ellie Hawes, an identity he assumed during sorority rushing). He notes that the Obama Administration "dropped all charges regarding our 2003 regatta to Cuba (which we won!). Finally smarter heads prevailed in D.C." More recently, Mac tells of skiing Mount Hood with a son and grandsons. "I now have trouble keeping up with the 5-year-old. The 8-year-old is l-o-o-o-ng gone." **R. Karl Van Leer, MBA '57** (Lincoln, MA)—still in his old hometown—allows as

how “ten acres keep us very busy—from snow plowing to mowing the pasture.” He says that number one grandson is off to Yale and number two to Tufts. And “six to follow.” He lists his top two most unforgettable characters: 1) **Bill Whelan**—“Always made me laugh, a great athlete, and a really nice guy.” (Agreed.) 2) **Bobbie Bower** ‘54—“Fraternity brother who made life fun.”

Jane Little Hardy (Ithaca) is putting together a memoir of her early childhood “for the edification of my grandkids.” She’s also writing a regular gardening column for District VI of the Federated Garden Clubs of NYS. **Rose Carpenter** Gernon (Glendora, CA) celebrated the 80th birthday of husband Dean at a family reunion before they moved to Panorama City, a senior community in Lacey, WA. Jim and **Caroline Mulford** Owens’s granddaughter **Anna Plattner** ‘12 sings with the a cappella group After Eight.

It is by no means unusual for teachers to assign reading for their summer scholars-to-be at Cornell’s Adult University (CAU). English prof. emeritus Lamar Herrin, noted author of novels and short stories for the *Paris Review* and the *New Yorker*, wanted real work from them this year. Ellison and **Marjorie Shaw** Schnader (NYC) were called upon to compose two short story drafts each and bring them with them to his short story writing workshop. Kinda looks from here like classmates would be giving the results a close look. **Richard** and Barbara **Kelly** could prepare for **Abby Nash** ‘75’s wine appreciation course any way they chose, but sampling was included in the classes. (Daughter **Susie Hanchett** ‘90 maintains that the studies she undertook in that area were among the most demanding of any she encountered at Cornell.)

Erwin Geiger, MBA ‘54 (Palm Harbor, FL), you may recall occasionally reading in this space, became one of us by transferring in from the U. of Munich. He notes that he and **Richard Koontz** (Port Richey, FL) were coincidentally mentioned in the same paragraph of our September/October column. “You probably did not know that Richard and I have a long history,” he submits. It turns out they lived in the same Williams St. rooming house from 1951–53. Before long, Koontz’s ROTC commission took him to Salzburg, Austria; while there he became acquainted with Geiger’s family in Bavaria. Back home, Geiger and Koontz came to know each other even better and, says Geiger, “My kids knew him as Uncle Dick while they hardly knew their real uncles in Germany.” Uncle Dick was a frequent visitor to Geiger in his years as manager of Mobil affiliates in Colombia and Greece. Now they live near each other and meet weekly for dinner in Tampa Bay area restaurants in celebration of a six-decade friendship that began on the Hill.

Nancy Van Cott Jones (Ithaca) saw something missing in the November/December alumni magazine account of her Sing-Along at Kendal group. Conspicuously absent, she says, were her co-founding friends and neighbors **Marion Louise Howe** ‘38, who “plays by ear and is still one of our pianists,” and Eleanor Hathaway, who “suggested the format for the Sing-Along in 1998.” The residents’ chorale has brightened Monday mornings in the very Big Red retirement community ever since. ☐ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., #8B, New York, NY 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

are scary, as they have great potential just waiting there to be developed. Most of us are no longer scary, blank sheets but colorful, marvelous stories, which you are kind enough to share with your correspondent. As a class we present a vibrant collage of great talent, service, energy, and generosity, which it behooves me to present in column form six times a year. The floodgates of mail opened in December—enough to fill several blank sheets of paper. The necessity for some replacement parts was revealed during a 28,000-day check-up, slowing me down to a slow trot around the block.

Sam Alessi has picked up his trombone after a 45-year hiatus and is having a great time playing in municipal, community, and college bands, in addition to little theatre shows such as *Hello Dolly*, *Pirates of Penzance*, and my favorite, *Chicago*. What he didn’t say was whether, after RVing through the lower 48 and several Canadian provinces over the past eight years, he and Gretchen settled back into Jamestown, NY, for a bit. Sam hopes this year he might fulfill his bucket list priority of visiting his father’s hometown in Italy. **David Bernanke** has retired from medical practice, but works part-time in hospital case management. Judy and David continue to enjoy travel, grandchildren, and the company of good friends.

Paul Bornstein retired in 2007 as professor of biochemistry and medicine at the U. of Washington Medical School and moved house, as the Brits would put it, to Tesuque, NM. They were seeking a different climate and they’ve found it, indeed—from 36 inches of rainfall per year to 14, from green landscape to one of bisque through burnt sienna, with the clearest, bluest skies possible. **Rockne** and Beverly **Burns** own and operate Willow Shores, a seasonal mobile home park and marina in Cape Vincent, NY, on the St. Lawrence River overlooking the Thousand Islands. Rockne has run the family business since 1963 and is well woven into the fabric of Cape Vincent, where he volunteers with the Lions Club and the American Legion. I got a note from **Phil Chase** and, believing there was more to be garnered, Googled him. Sure enough, found the following from the first-ever Hall of Fame awards by Port Jervis High School: “The beloved educator taught science at Port Jervis High School for 34 years and coached several sports—none of which had a losing season. A trailblazing conservationist and former sports columnist, Phil Chase is also a strong advocate for the Delaware River. In February 2009, *Field and Stream* magazine recognized his long-standing efforts by naming him one of the country’s leading conservationists.” Phil is still working with students and athletics while watching over a wild and scenic 75 miles of the Upper Delaware.

Glad to hear **Larry Cohen** is still earthbound. Was sure he would take to the air at any moment, either by single engine aircraft or his beloved motorcycle. Both have been relegated to the past, but his speed has not slowed. The past nine years of Florida living have provided level ground for golf, bicycling, swimming, travel, teaching half a day a week . . . you get the picture. His most enjoyable volunteer work is as a teacher’s assistant helping fifth grade students improve their reading skills. All aspects of his years at Cornell played a role in preparing him for military service, business, and active retirement. **Joan Dinkel** Crews is also happy to be in the classroom as a volunteer. She works with first graders, watching them develop from illiteracy to being able to read and write.

Marston Grevatt is another of our pilot classmates who has hung up his goggles; he has given

his plane to his son to avoid temptation. He retains his directorship of a medical organization that sends 12 teams of doctors, dentists, and nurses to rural Honduras to provide medical services to those people who do not have access to such services. It would appear that Cornell gave **Lili Bates** Douglas a lifelong gift via her studies of Chinese, French, German, and Russian languages and literature. Lili volunteers in teaching English as a Second Language. Her bucket list items include: visiting Alaska, line dancing, t’ai chi, and drawing. **Seymour Feldman** has been retired from teaching at Rutgers for a few years, but still teaches a course in Jewish philosophy and delights in traveling near and far with his grands. **Anita Zicht** Fial believes she is finally retiring from Lewes & Neale, a food communications agency, which she joined immediately after graduation—and a few years later is leaving as its president. What does so busy an executive wish to do with some spare time? Learn to play the flute and do the tango, work with Mexican women, travel, and perhaps . . . relax a little. ☐ **Les Papenfus** Reed, lesliejreed@me.com. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu>.

55 I’m writing this column in mid-December, so the holidays will be just a memory by the time the magazine reaches you. Hope yours were merry and bright, and that the New Year brings you health and happiness!

We received a brief but welcome message from **Peter Hoss** (Salinas, CA). He went to Cornell only two years, and had been back to Ithaca just once, so he thought he would not be remembered. “But someone did remember me,” he went on, “and I had some good correspondence, so I will write again!” Having gone to Stanford for five years, including law school, Peter explains that he’s more affiliated with that school, “but Cornell was a fun adventure away from my native California.” **Priscilla Rice** Oehl wrote at the end of last winter that she and husband Dan have become Florida snowbirds “and this was a good year to be one!” They live in Pittsburgh for six months of the year (spring and fall) and spend the summer at the Jersey Shore. When Pris wrote, they were planning their fourth trip with Vermont Bicycle Tours. This one was taking them to Puglia, the heel of Italy; the previous three trips were to Croatia, Normandy, and Ireland. “We are blessed with good health and also with the happiness that a late-in-life remarriage after widowhood can bring.” We all send you our best wishes, Pris.

Sylvia Verin Mangalam, MA ‘57, lives in Hali-fax, where she’s a member of the Raging Grannies, Quakers, Food Action Committee, and the Ecology Action Center. When she has a free moment, she’s trying to “clear out stuff,” a worthwhile project for all of us who’ve collected more things than we need! Sylvia also calls our attention to Bolivia’s constitution, “giving the earth rights, not just people.” And thank you for sending on **Brewster Kneen**’s address; he had been listed incorrectly as “address unknown.” Another classmate we welcome from the “unknown” list to the “known” is **Robert Mules** (Canastota, NY). Bob retired four years ago after 42 years working for the Northeast Dairy Herd Improvement Coop. He sings bass with the Barnstormers, an all-male chorus, and enjoys gardening and bowling (his 183 score last spring was his best ever!). Bob also belongs to a writers’ group and has been active as an officer in the American

54 Why have blank sheets of paper or computer screens always been a challenge for some of us? They

Legion. One more reunion note: **Marcia Willemen Sutter** and husband Phil were married the afternoon of our graduation at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Collegetown; they renewed their vows there at our 50th Reunion and celebrated their 55th anniversary at our 55th Reunion last June.

In the summer of 2009, **Veralee Hardenburg McClain** and husband **Charles, MA '57**, took a cruise in the Baltic Sea, stopping in St. Petersburg to see the golden riches of the Tsars: the Hermitage, Peterhof, and the Catherine Palace. Their son **Stephen, PhD '92** (in Physics) toured China as concertmaster with the Southern Arizona Symphony. The group visited eight cities and played six concerts. Vee adds, "The logistics of transporting 84 people with instruments is mind-boggling!" **Dave Sheffield, BArch '60, MRP '61** (Wellesley, MA) writes that retirement from his architectural practice "suits us just fine," and he and **Allison (Hopkins) '56** are enjoying life. Dave is serving his third term on his local zoning board of appeals and is a life member of the Cornell U. Council. He also follows Big Red sports: "wrestling, hockey (men's and women's), and hoops." Speaking of athletics, **Joe and Vera Steiner Simon's** daughter **Leslie Simon Knibb '85** has set some amazing records. In the US Ironman championship contest, held at Lake Placid, Leslie was first in her age group, and she subsequently placed 8th in the world championship in Hawaii. Congratulations to Leslie and to her proud parents!

Joe also reminded me that during our reunion last year, a dinner with the football players from our class was held at Taughannock Farms Inn with guest speaker and Cornell VP **Susan Murphy '73, PhD '94**, and Coach Ted Thoren as honored guest. Those in attendance with their wives or partners, besides Joe, were **Dick Mathewson, Guy Bedrossian, MBA '56, Jim Van Buren, MD '59, Ralph DeStefano, Tom Rooney, BCE '56, and Paul Kalinich, LLB '57**. **Dick Peterson** made the guest list, too, although his contribution to Cornell athletics was on the golf course and not on the gridiron. **Dick Jackson '56**, a member of the '55 football team, was granted honorary membership in our class; in accepting the honor, Dick thanked all the players who blocked for him.

In closing, a message from **Jeff and Sue Hurd Machamer** brought us up to date on their South African "trip of dreams." The family celebration included three daughters, three sons-in-law, and four grandchildren. "Armed with cameras and binoculars, good health, and a mindset to absorb everything," they set out. They splashed in the Indian Ocean, spotted "dazzles" of zebras, "herds" of elephants, "journeys" of giraffes, and "troops" of monkeys, plus seals, baboons, penguins, cheetahs, rhinoceros, lions, warhogs, and many other species. "Our memory banks and cameras are filled to overflowing." What a wonderful and unforgettable experience for all of you! ■ **Nancy Savage Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net**. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

56 This is being written in the middle of December, while the snow is falling in many parts of our land and Santa has yet to arrive. We think of our classmates at this time of year and wish you well, even though you will be getting this magazine well after it is written.

Rolling back to October, a number of us attended Trustee/Council Weekend for a number of specific reasons. The first was placing **Curt** and

Pamela Reis's names on the wall at Uris Library that honors Cornell's most distinguished donors. We gathered outside while President Emeritus Frank Rhodes said some beautiful words about them both. It was a great moment under a typical Ithaca sky with blustery winds. All of us were very proud of a man who has done so much for his class and the university along with his lovely wife.

That evening, we attended a dinner at the Performing Arts Center honoring Curt's parents, **Sanford '29** and **Josephine Mills Reis '29**, who remain two of Cornell's most honored alumni for their generosity and involvement in university projects for many years. As you might know, Curt's father passed away in 2009 as he reached beyond the age of 100. The tributes at the dinner were wonderful. Theatre professor David Feldshuh was the master of ceremonies and introduced many distinguished Cornellians who spoke lovingly about both of them. The family comments were particularly moving. The dinner was preceded by the reappearance of Narby Krimsnatch, who came from Yemen especially to give a personal gift to Curt. What a kick!

Now on to other news. **Sandra Albert Wittow** (Englewood, CO) is still painting; she has written a book called "Thicker than Paint" and is looking for an editor. Sandra has been doing a lot of traveling: Egypt, Israel, and trips to Europe with the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Her granddaughter was wed in October, and when she wrote, she had a third great-grandchild due any day. **Howard Schneider, JD '59**, is now in his third career, having joined Navigant Consulting as a consultant/expert witness in the futures/derivatives financial service area. Howard and wife Ann live in New York City.

Leland Mote (Big Bear Lake, CA) writes that he was able to harvest five-and-a-half tons of Pinot Noir grapes this fall from his vineyard in Niagara County, NY. He sold the grapes to a winery. It was his first harvest from ten acres planted in 2007. You will drink his wine in two years. **Mary Ann "Polly" Whitaker** Dolliver lives in Spokane, WA. She retired in 2000 from full-time employment as administrator in the Spokane public schools. Polly's other activities include church, book and investment clubs, and Delta Gamma alumnae activities. One of her eight grandsons graduated from Cornell last May. Nine of her family went to Cornell from the Northwest. Congratulations!

After his nice note, I wanted to assure **Ed Wolf** that there are a lot of us alive and kicking and doing good work. Glad he is one of them and enjoying his cruises. **Larry Levin** (Denver, CO) is totally retired from the practice of law. He received a great award from the Jewish Community Relations Council for all of his charitable work. **Rose Goldman Mage** (Bethesda, MD) is retired, but still working on scientific projects. She went to the Int'l Congress of Immunology in Kobe, Japan, last August and traveled for two weeks thereafter with her husband, **Mike '55**. They went to Mike's 55th Reunion in June and also celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary and other family milestones.

John Harney, of the great tea family, makes his home in Salisbury, CT. He had an exciting trip to the Hampton Court Palace in England to discuss their various teas and how they were doing. He has his first grandson at Cornell. It was nice hearing from **Edward "Van" Cunningham, LLB '62** (LaGrangeville, NY), a retired trustee. He still practices law three days a week and is a trustee of a number of trusts, a bank director, and involved

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in charities as well as the Metropolitan Opera. He is selling his home after 47 years, but still will live in the Mid-Hudson area. **Jim Larrimore** is consulting for the Int'l Atomic Energy Agency and lectures to groups on the Iran nuclear situation. He plans to sing with the Cayuga's Waiters of the '50s at our 55th Reunion.

Please send your e-mail addresses to me so I can forward them to our 55th Reunion Committee. It will be a great event. My warmest regards to all of you. ■ **Stephen Kittenplan**, catplan@aol.com.

57 **Ralph Deeds** represents claimants in unemployment compensation hearings. When not occupied with this activity, he pursues his hobbies of sailing, photography, and publishing on the Internet. **Dwight Emanuelson** continues to scuba dive all over the world, and is doing his best to shrink the population of the lionfish, which is a predator of other fish. Keeping with activities in or on water, **Mark and Nancy Levy** and **Joe '56**, MBA '58, and **Sue DeRosay Henninger** cruised on the Danube last fall. Mark continues his singing, performing at a Broadway venue on most Sunday nights. **Shelly Lawrence**, in his fourth year of retirement from Wall Street, is involved in nonprofit endeavors in the Bridgeport, CT, area. He is on the board of his synagogue and runs a 50-member school volunteer organization.

Milt Kogan, BS Ag '07, got the education process somewhat backward, becoming a doctor apparently without attaining his desired undergraduate goal, a Bachelor of Science degree from the Ag college. To achieve that milestone, he became a member of the Class of 2007. To share that experience, he has written a book, *Second Act: Returning to College at age 71*. It's a pithy and humorous account of what one can expect when wandering back to campus after somewhat of a period of absence.

Bill Schmidt continues to pile up honors as one of the outstanding impressionist painters of his era, achieving "signature member status" of the American Expressionist Society. He serves on the centennial committee of the Washington Society of Landscape Painters, and has left his Rockville, MD, home to paint in New Mexico and Vermont. After 29 years in their former location, **David and Dinny Biddle** have moved into a 55-plus community in Phoenixville, PA. David does hospital volunteer work and is also involved with Hospice. As an English major, he became burned out on reading, but is now starting to read simply for enjoyment. Ditto for **Irwin Schlossberg**, now fully retired and a member of four book clubs.

I doubt that many of us have had a horse race named for us at a major track, but **Brad Howes** (Greensboro, NC) was surprised by his son with the "Howes Turns 75 Invitational" at Arlington Park in Chicago. Might Churchill Downs be next? ■ **John Seiler**, suitcase2@aol.com.

Thanks to all who sent in their news forms last fall. If yours is still sitting on a desk, please take time to jot a few notes—your fellow classmates will enjoy hearing from/about you. **Chris Leachtenauer** Carr Nickerson (Puyallup, WA) would like to hear from **Rochelle Krugman Kainer**, **Marilyn Mitchell** Holtham, MS '70, and **Carole Mesmer** Rehkugler, MS '59. Chris was in Osaka, Japan, in November to see her newest grandchild, born in May weighing 10 ounces! By the end of the

year Terra had gained enough to go home. Chris has been taking courses in writing and math from the Teaching Co. and also volunteers as a peer counselor for young women with chemical dependency problems.

Janet Slater Lobsenz and her husband decided to flee the northern New Jersey winters and have relocated to Round Rock, TX. Being closer to family makes the summer heat bearable. Via e-mail Janet continues the education work she was doing in New Jersey for several school districts and plans to help out in the Round Rock schools. Remember the blizzard of 2010 in the Washington/Baltimore area? **Marilynn Rives** Miller does and writes, "Last winter was the end. I'm off to Siesta Key, FL, for three months; taking dog and cat, leaving horses home."

It seems that quite a few classmates are living in Florida or spending the winter there. **Dick '55** and **Sue Westin Pew** use the easy way to get to Florida in the winter: the autotrain. Sue is active as a fundraiser for Mount Auburn Hospital (a Harvard teaching hospital) and in local Belmont politics as an elected Town Meeting member. **Edna Carroll** Skoog and her husband "direct" the duplicate bridge group in their Nokomis subdivision. The Skoogs are in the process of going through a whole lot of files prior to their 2012 move to a retirement community. Also in Nokomis, **David '56** and **Jane Wedell Pyle** are very involved with the local Cornell Club. As for volunteer work, Jane writes, "Mostly enjoy being useful." David and Jane met at Sage Chapel Choir and their church choir is still an important part of their lives. Boca Raton resident **Francine Hassol** Lifton enjoyed the North Carolina mountains in July prior to embarking on a Mediterranean cruise in August.

Also abroad on Cornell trips last year were **Barbara Flynn** Shively (to the Lake Country of northern Italy) and **Joan Reinberg** Macmillan (to London for a theater trip, sailing over on the *Queen Mary II* and flying back). A trip to the Galápagos wasn't as much fun. Writes Joan: "I don't ascend and descend hills well." ■ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

58 We have some News returns, for which your co-correspondents thank you. We'll catch up on as many as we can, starting with those we've rarely, if ever, heard from.

Jonas Weil, MBA '59, started up a new solar energy company in Scottsdale, AZ. Solarscape Energy LLC makes TV-equipped shade shelters that ultimately will be set up for recharging electric cars. Jonas and Marcia really enjoy Scottsdale, but get away during the hot months. Another new 'mate for these columns is **Frank Wyskiel**, BCE '60 (primafloraam@hotmail.com), retired and living in Switzerland after "bouncing around the world working for a large engineering construction firm as its London operations manager." Frank and Anne-Marie divide their time between a small Swiss mountain village in a

1762 vintage chalet and an apartment in Geneva. **Louesa Merrill** Gillespie (Ogunquit, ME; louesa@maine.rr.com) and Donald settled up north after 22 years of her work as an active hotelier in Boston. Louesa is learning how to be a full-time caregiver for Donald while pursuing volunteer interests in local museums, as well as gardening

and outdoor activities. She fondly recalls her art and music classes at Cornell, along with the practical hotel courses in cooking and creativity, all of which have served her well. **Sarahkyle Harding** Sibinovic (shaldra@verizon.net) runs a dog therapy program in Knoxville, MD, where dogs can swim, receive laser therapy, and run an underwater treadmill. She also teaches Rally for

Dogs at a local kennel club.

A short note from **Saul Presberg** (spresbe1@rochester.rr.com) says that he and wife **Helen (Sugarman) '59** still live in Rochester, where he "works three days per week and recently became a vegan." Another short one is from **Anthony Mauro** (coco141@msn.com), who teaches physical therapy at Niagara U. and volunteers for his local (Amherst, NY) art museum, the first new museum there in 100 years. Prof. **Ann Coyne** (acoyne@unomaha.edu) continues to teach full-time at the Grace Abbott School of Social Work at the U. of Nebraska. She took two grandchildren to London and Ireland to visit her deceased husband's family for three weeks last July and says they had a great trip. **Benton "Benny" Butler** Manganaro (Columbus, GA; manganaroben@bellsouth.net) reports that together with Joe she's still seeing the world, last year visiting Indonesia, Singapore, Honduras, and the Caribbean Islands. In November, they were off to Laos. Benny says, "I always hope to see a classmate somewhere." **Ronni Strell** (ronni58@juno.com) volunteers (women's groups, education boards, librarian substitute for her under-supported library), meets with friends, does needlework, and spends as much time as possible with her grandson, 2. Cornell memories that continue to play a part in her life include her roommates, **Dottie Berens** Greenspan and **Arlene Scharf** Kelvin, and continuing board activities with the Cornell Club of Northern New Jersey.

Bob Hendricks, PhD '64, has gone back to school, part-time, to earn a bachelor's in German. "A bit strange," he says, "for an engineer of 50 years to expect to earn my degree, in Honors, in 2014. My basic education in metallurgical engineering and materials science still stands me in good stead; I am still working full-time and serve as associate head of the VT MSE Dept." I guess that's Virginia Tech, as Bob and Delores still reside in Blacksburg, VA, "and love Blacksburg too much to leave it." **Bruce Marshall** and Anne have been touring. Bruce writes, "I tell friends I have the sailor's curse: been to lots of great places that are near salt water. In August we took another tack; Lake Como in northern Italy reminded me of Cayuga. We greatly enjoyed Swiss Rail's 'Alpine Express' and also the profoundly moving *Passion Play* in Oberammergau." Bruce adds that they've been in their home in Annandale, VA, for 22 years, near their daughter's family with three

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Marilynn Rives Miller '57

grandchildren, “and it sure beats Navy moves every two years!”

Glenn and Maddi McAdams Dallas visited national parks in Northern California last year. Maddi reports that **Lois Tuttle Spurney** and husband **Petr '57** moved to Rehoboth, DE; the Dallahs, who winter in Sarasota, FL, and summer in Bethany Beach, DE, now see the Spurneys often. They are active in their local Cornell Club and Maddi is president of the KKG of Cornell Foundation. Floridian **Carlton Baker** lives with his wife, Betty, in New Port Richey. After all these years in Elma, NY, and ten years of snow-birding, the Bakers sold their townhouse and became full-time residents. **Bill** and **Sandy Thomas Meyer** also call Florida home—rightly so, after 47 years there, living in N. Palm Beach (sbmeyer1@bellsouth.net), both playing tennis, bridge, and traveling. Bill is a USTA umpire and will only be observing for a while as he recovers from double knee surgery. Sandy has an art studio, shows in local galleries, and is “enjoying being an artist more than ever.” She is also “the forever chairman of the Humane Society thrift shop” and loves it! You can learn more about Sandy’s art at artistsandymeyer.com. Floridian **Irene Lazarus** Soskin (IreneLS@aol.com) traveled through England, Scotland, and Wales this past summer with Cornell roomie **Barbara Streicher** Magid and her husband, Len; they’re heading to Ireland this summer. The activities on the Hill that continue to play a part in her life are musical: she still conducts community chorus and madrigal groups, based on Cornell’s chamber chorus that used to perform occasionally on Sunday afternoons at the Straight. Irene also gives weekly sessions of conversational English at a local soup kitchen.

Chuck Hunt retired from the NYS Restaurant Association a year ago and continues teaching hospitality classes at Monroe College (ehunt@monroecollege.edu). He and Suzy “may head south to live one of these days, but not for a while. Always enjoy hearing from classmates and am looking forward to our 55th in 2013.” **Jack Kelly** and Ingrid are still at their Wind Song Farm in Pottersville, NJ.

Ed '56 and **Renni Bertenthal Shuter** still reside in St. Louis and get to Marco Island, FL, during the winter months. Renni says that her Government major “still holds me in good stead in trying to make sense of our crazed political spectrum!” The Shuters’ eldest grandchild is a junior at Cornell and the others either live nearby or in Boston, where visits occur often. Renni’s busy volunteer life revolves around her Unitarian church, chairing an endowment fund giving grants to small social service organizations, and working with same. Fellow chimesmaster **Frank Russell**, MBA '60, when asked on our News Form whether he has moved recently, said, “Just moved as my house was destroyed by fire.” Bad news, Frank, and we send regrets on that. Fortunately, no one was hurt and you’re now resettled. Classmates will be glad to read that you’re continuing your band activities, carried over from Big Red Band and concert band years in the '50s, now directing the Damascus Shriners Band in Webster, NY, as well as playing in local bands.

As our space runs out, we can report that **Al Podell** somehow made it back to NYC from his incredible adventures in the “difficult” Southeast Asian countries, also North Korea, now reducing his world country list to the “most difficult,” yet-to-visit 11. **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com; **Jan Arps** Jarvie, janjarvie@gmail.com.

59 Nice celebrations! Last summer, **David** and **Stephanie Portman** took their grandson (Class of '19??) to London and Paris as his bar mitzvah present. He is the son of their daughter **Susan Portman Price '90**, MRP '91, and her husband, **Rob '90**. “We had an amazing time,” writes David. “The highlight for all of us was the show at the Moulin Rouge in Paris.” Also visiting Paris last year was **Carole Parnes**: “We walked and walked and walked—and barely made a dent in what the city has to offer.” In addition, Carole did a walking tour in Provence and took a cruise—“pretty boring but with some interesting shore excursions”—down the Rhone. **Chuck** and **Nancy Sterling Brown** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with two events. In July they took a Caribbean cruise with more than 40 members of Chuck’s family. For their Thanksgiving holiday they enjoyed Skytop Lodge in Pennsylvania’s Pocono Mountains with their immediate family. A cruise to Alaska was a 2010 highlight for **Lois Landy Vazirani**, a psychiatric social worker.

Don Brewer kindly wrote to inform us that **Jack Evans**, PhD '68, a longtime faculty member and administrator at the U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, has received one of the university’s most prestigious awards for his terrific accomplishments for the university and community over his 40-year career there. Jack, who has been at UNC since 1970, is executive director of Carolina North, a research and mixed-used academic campus two miles from the main campus of UNC Chapel Hill. He also is the Phillip Hettelman Professor of Business Administration in the university’s Kenan-Flagler Business School. A university press release announced, “Whether shaping the master’s of business administration curriculum, leading Kenan-Flagler as dean from 1979 to 1987, serving for 15 years as faculty athletics representative to the Atlantic Coast Conference and NCAA, or spearheading the planning for Carolina North, Evans has amassed an impressive record of leadership in the past four decades.”

Taking CAU on-campus programs in Ithaca last summer were **Ellie Applewhaite** (19th- and 20th-Century European and American Art in Upstate New York) and **Marjory Leshure** Marshall (Wines). A large number of Cornellians, including '59ers **Carol Lipis** and **Harry Petchesky**, attended a November reception in NYC honoring Prof. Andrew Hacker for his distinguished career and his many years of teaching at the city’s Queens College. “Professor Hacker, who left Cornell in 1971 and has been teaching at Queens College ever since, has not lost a step. His irreverent wit is as sharp as ever, and all in attendance admired his vitality,” says Harry. Several days later, Harry and wife Jill attended a concert given by **Peter Yarrow** and Paul Stookey in Schenectady. “Peter was ecstatic to know that ‘Ballad and Folklore’ has been returned to the Cornell curriculum.”

In his “day job,” **Elias Kaufman** is associate professor of pediatric dentistry at the State U. of New York at Buffalo. His main extracurricular activity, shared with wife Madeleine, is editing *5 Stringer*, published by the American Banjo Fraternity. Published twice a year, the magazine has book and CD reviews, history articles, and other items of classic banjo interest. Music (“playing piano—again!”) is **Ann Schmeltz** Bowers’s major extracurricular activity. She is chair of the board of the Noyce Foundation, working on creative after-school science programs. She also chairs the board of San Jose’s Tech Museum. **Gerald Hirsch**

has been elected president of the Int’l General Dental Inst. of Implantology and Gerontology. Gerald was in private dental group practice for more than 30 years and at present is a consultant in a private dental practice in New Jersey.

Harvey Weissbard has joined the firm of Genova, Burns, and Giantomasi as of counsel. The firm has offices in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Harvey, who served for eight years as a judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey in the appellate division and, prior to that, as a trial judge in the criminal division, will be a member of the firm’s complex litigation practice group. P.E.A.C.E. (People’s Equal Action and Community Effort), a nonprofit community-based organization headquartered in Syracuse, NY, honored **Earle Lewis** with its Champions of Diversity Volunteer Award. **Harriet Benjamin** acts as a volunteer “court watcher” at Queens County (NY) Criminal Court. She sits in on jury trials and other proceedings to observe and take notes on protocol for the DA’s office. **Hank '56**, BA '58, and **Marianne Smith Hubbard** live in Tryon, NC, where Marianne helps restore the depot and gardens. “It’s a wonderful community in which to have a garden enclosed by brick walls,” she says. The Hubbards summer at Harbor Beach, MI, in a cottage on Lake Huron with a view of the lighthouse—and not far from their son and his family, who live in Grosse Pointe.

Join or rejoin! It’s that time of year when your class officers hope you’ll pay class dues . . . and continue to receive this fine magazine in your mailbox. **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 The most momentous class news of late 2010 was **David Atkinson’s** extraordinarily generous gift to Cornell of \$80 million to create the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future. This gift, the largest ever made by an individual to the university’s Ithaca campus, will support a major research center “focusing on challenges in the global energy, environmental, and economic development arenas,” according to the press release. Dave himself described the Center as both “a catalyst bringing knowledge from different disciplines together to address sustainability and a partner with entrepreneurs, businesses, NGOs, and governments to magnify the impact of the knowledge and ingenuity at Cornell in moving society toward a more sustainable future.” The Center replaces a pilot program created in 2007 by a substantial donation from Dave and his wife, Patricia, which supported 220 faculty fellows from 55 departments in cross-disciplinary projects such as research focused on processing algae into biofuel or managing the water crisis in the Mediterranean Basin.

Dave and Patricia are longtime benefactors of Cornell. Previously they created the Atkinson Forum in American Studies and the Atkinson Professorship in Ecology and Environmental Biology. Dave also served as co-chair of the Environmental Sustainability and Development Task Force, which laid the groundwork for Cornell’s current efforts related to sustainability. The October celebration in Ithaca honoring the Atkinsons was attended by class president **Sue Phelps** Day, MEd '62, and **Ken Iscol**, who has been a supporter of ecology programs. Dave and Pat live in a suburb of Philadelphia, where Dave spent much of his career as a partner in an investment counseling

firm, from which he retired in the early 1990s. The Atkinsons have three sons and often vacation in Cape May, NJ.

Becky Quinn Morgan has joined the board of trustees of the Women's Sports Foundation, created by the former tennis star Billie Jean King. Its purpose is to encourage good health and nutrition in girls, to get them involved in sports of all kinds, and to help protect Title 9, which assures equality in sports opportunities for girls and women. On Becky's January trip from California to New York for a board meeting of the Foundation, she was welcomed by several of her classmates and spouses, who gathered at **Margaret Osmer-McQuade's** place for a celebratory dinner. **Jim Morgan**, BME '62, MBA '63, is recovering well from the stroke he had last June. He's now swimming, doing tennis exercises, and walking regularly, as well as continuing his involvement in the national board of the Nature Conservancy. Rumors are that he even plans to tackle the ski slopes at Squaw Valley before the season is over.

Rodney Mason, PhD '64, of Los Alamos, NM, continues to run Research Applications Corporation, the company he founded after retiring from Los Alamos National Laboratory in 2005; the company does plasma research for fusion power. Rod reports that in 2009 his wife, Caroline, published *The Blacksmith's Cottage: A Pastoral War* (Outskirts Press) about four children evacuated to safety in rural Britain during WWII. It was described by one appreciative reader as "part history, part mystery, and part childhood idyll." The Masons' daughters, Vanessa and Rosi, live in Montana and Florida, and Rod says he is "kept peaceful by dog Sibley and cat Mickey. Gardening, skiing, and biking are my current pastimes."

It was good to get news from **Alys Chew Yeh** (Oakland, CA), who wrote during the fall that she is "semi-retired, but just started a short-term accounting project working for the San Francisco Symphony," whose CFO resigned suddenly to take another job. "I am helping the controller prepare for their year-end audit." During the summer of 2010, says Alys, she saw two classmates who were visiting in the Bay Area. **Bettina Corning** Dudley, my former roommate at Cornell, was in town to visit her son, who is a professor at UC Berkeley. Bettina was accompanied by her granddaughter, 10. We drove over to Muir Woods for the day. Later, **Beth Heazlett** Kury and husband Franklin were in town to visit their son, and we had a wonderful tour along the ocean shoreline and of the San Francisco Botanical Garden, where I sometimes serve as a docent leading schoolchildren through the gardens." Reflecting on her visit to the 50th Reunion, where she says she "had a grand time" and roomed near freshman corridor-mates **Carolyn Carlson** Blake and **Linda Wurtzman** Rosenheim, Alys says, "The bond of freshman-year friendships lasted longer than I would have imagined. I realize that my classmates at Cornell were an extraordinary group."

Just before leaving Hilton Head, SC, in mid-December for New England with husband Harry, **Dodo Bermudez** Eschenbach wrote via e-mail, "My news is that I will be going in for a hip replacement in March." She adds, philosophically, that that's "not really unusual!" Her oldest granddaughter, Olivia Eschenbach-Smith, who graduated from high school last June, is taking a gap year in Guatemala working for a nonprofit international organization teaching third-graders math and Spanish before enrolling at Bard College in September. While in Boston, Dodo plans to visit

the Museum of Fine Arts to see the new American wing, which has received much favorable publicity. Send news! ■ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Countdown to Number 50. In just a few months, we will collectively arrive back in Ithaca. Everyone will soon be registered, assigned, and, most importantly, paid in full. See you June 9–12!

Meanwhile, we have a full column of news from our classmates, starting with **Edmund Fantino**: "I continue to conduct research with my colleague and wife, Stephanie Stolarz-Fantino, in the Dept. of Psychology at the U. of California, San Diego (UCSD). We study decision-making, especially altruism, and also the factors giving rise to impulsive, non-optimal, and illogical choices. We made a two-week trip to Brazil where we presented our more recent findings. I have been slowed down somewhat by prostate cancer, for which I have been undergoing treatment for 22 years. This phase of my life is described in my short book, *Behaving Well*, which came out two years ago. The essentials are covered in a radio interview from December 2007 available online: http://drrobertepstein.com/downloads/Psyched-show111-EDMUND-AND-STEPHANIE-FANTINO-3_segs_edit-3510-air-12-29-07.mp3. Our daughters Ramona, 30, a social worker, and Marin, 26, a high school teacher, are a great source of joy, especially as they live and work in the area. Despite the distance, we keep in close touch with **Loomis Jay Grossman**, who continues to have a productive and enriching life in the New York City area."

Howard and Ellen Auslander Reitkopp report: "We've sold our home in the D.C. area and now only have to lose clothes between two homes (in Lake Worth, FL, and Selbyville, DE). We have retired to work at golf and tennis. Eight grandchildren also keep us busy. The Florida location has brought us closer to many of our classmates. We would love to have a pre-reunion get-together in that area." Several times in the past few years I've heard from **Daniel Reisman**. This time the message is a bit different: "I am retired and enjoying it. I volunteer three times a week at a nearby nursing home, and play Scrabble with some of the residents. Also enjoy gardening and dancing and keeping physically fit—I walk one or two miles a day and work out with 30-lb. dumbbells. I now live in Niverville, NY (Columbia County), and would love to hear from any of my classmates."

Charlene Jackson Beck chimes in, appropriately, "Hi Doug . . . You have a tough job if no one contributes [amen!], so I'll try. Facebook has helped me find several classmates, which is always fun. I continue to do corporate meeting planning, which has become more challenging as the budgets get tighter. I work on my golf game—a masterpiece in progress. I know it will all come together before I am 90. Life is good and I remember my time and my friends at Cornell fondly. I try to take advantage of the alumni activities in the Philadelphia area as much as possible. Our Class of '61 and our officers have been doing a great job with communication and I appreciate their efforts. Best wishes to all." I don't think I've mentioned **Bob Herdt**, MS '63, in the five years I've been your correspondent. He writes, "During the past 49 years we have lived and worked on agriculture in India, Illinois, the Philippines, Washington, DC, and Westchester County, NY. Now

Lorna (Lamb) '62 and I live just outside Ithaca. I am an adjunct professor of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell, where I do a little teaching, advise on international agricultural matters, and enjoy interacting with students and faculty. I am pleased to have been invited by our class reunion committee to share some thoughts about world food issues at our 50th Reunion. See you all soon."

And another "Hi Doug," this time from **Gerrit White**. "Nothing too much has changed with me since retiring nine years ago. We now have four grandchildren; traveling, hobbies, and some real estate consulting work have kept Elizabeth and me on the go. This year will have taken us on several different and interesting trips including Africa for a safari, Dubai, Egypt, Jordan, and India. We have already booked a trip to Japan for next year. I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming 50th Reunion." Finally, from **Hal Binyon**, "This will be brief, but I suppose that it beats a blank! I have returned from a wonderful three weeks in Thailand, Vietnam, and China, the majority of which was on the *Seabourn Pride*."

In closing, and on a somber note, **Jim Moore**, LLB '64, wrote that he lost his wife, Shirley, after a lengthy illness. "Although she never received a Cornell degree, she more than earned one through her efforts to put me through law school and helping to send three of our children to the alma mater. She loved the university as much as we do." In a similar vein, my closest of friends and former roommate **Dave Shanks** lost his wife, Cynthia, when she passed away suddenly. They enjoyed a terrific 48-year partnership together. Note: This is not the way I would choose to end a column. Please keep the news (hopefully happy) flowing to me for future columns. See you in June! ■ **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net.

62 Reunion is next year! Put June 7-10, 2012 on your calendar today! Up-to-date class and 50th Reunion information can be found on our website: <http://classof62.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

Check out brewsterwardiaa.com, the website of **Brewster Ward**, BArch '64, an architect and liturgical design consultant who works with churches. Camille and Brewster make their home in Asheville, NC, whence he enjoys fly-fishing and pub visits. "Retired engineer and environmental activist" is **Jim Moore**, BEE '64's self-description. Jim and Joan live in Worcester, PA, where he's active in land preservation and enjoys hunting, ham radio, and other technical pursuits. Jim (jom@marshlands.org) sent along a copy of a letter written at the time of our 25th Reunion outlining some undergraduate antics that will likely be a part of our class history project. Seems like only yesterday.

"If anyone had told me when I was in school that I would write 22 books, I'd have said they were crazy," writes **Will Anderson** (Bath, ME). "But then I found topics that intrigued me and have been writing full-time since 1973." Will is well along in his masterpiece, "Hail All Hail: New York State Beer and Ale." Other topics have included various sports, roadside architecture, diners, and rock 'n' roll. "After hours" pursuits for **Richard and Neil Ann Stuckey Levine '63** include theater, opera, classical music, tennis, and five grandchildren. Dick (richard.levine@dowjones.com) is president of Dow Jones News Fund, a foundation in Princeton, NJ, dedicated to promoting careers in journalism. A major concern:

"Wrestling with the impact of the recession on the nonprofits on whose boards I sit."

Volunteer work keeps **Evelyn Spieske Dufur** (Castleton, NY; EDufur@aol.com) busy in retirement. She's past president of the Mohawk Hudson chapter of the Appalachian Mountain Club and has served on boards ranging from the Albany Public Library to New York State Theatre Inst. She and William enjoy traveling. Travel tops the list for dancer and substitute school nurse **Anne Kaczmarczyk** Evans (Ashland, PA; evans25@ptd.net). She's visited **Susan Scarborough** Stark in Savannah, GA, and **Judy Derstine** in San Francisco. She's looking for **Dianne Donovan**.

C. Bradley Olson (cbo3@cornell.edu) retired a year and a half ago, and continues to mentor and volunteer with Cornell's Program in Real Estate, which he directed. Brad and **Lila (Fox) '63** enjoyed travel to Maine, Massachusetts, and California, where they visited the families of their son, **Eric '92**, and daughter. Retiree **Sandy Gilbert** (sandem133@aol.com) is former director of advertising services for *Smithsonian Magazine*. His business card notes that he is chairman of START, Solutions To Avoid Red Tide, which has him raising funds for documentaries on the subject when he's not golfing, painting, or sailing in Bradenton, FL. **Andrew Bushko** (Wilmington, DE) writes that he's "retired and loving it." **Laszlo Szerenyi**, BEC '65 (lszereny@tampabayrr.com) has retired for the second time in St. Petersburg, FL, where he golfs and plans his travels. Laszlo is planning a new home with his significant other. He fondly recalls his time on the fencing team and would like to hear from former teammates.

Retired Col. **Donald Boose Jr.** (boose@pa.net) still teaches at the Army War College in Carlisle, PA, where he is writing military history and lecturing. Don developed an online course on the strategy of the Pacific War. He and Lil went to Paris in June for a conference on the Korean War. **Mort '61** and **Nancy Simon Hodin** (Lexington, MA) have kept busy with cleanup and repairs due to major flooding. Nancy (nancyhodin@verizon.net) assists family and friends with medical issues, travels, plays bridge, participates in a book club, and babysits. Psychologist **Mort Birnbaum** (Sudbury, MA; mjbirnbaum@earthlink.net) and wife Judy looked forward to Carol and **Mark Kaplan**, MD '66's visit from Ann Arbor last year. They also enjoyed dinner in NYC with Ellen and **Harvey Hirsch**. When home in Sudbury, Mort is a guide at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Eric Walther, BEP '64 (Sacramento, CA; eric_walther@yahoo.com) works 55 hours per week as principal scientist with Sierra Research Inc., which consults in the field of air quality and air pollution control. Eric and Pamela bike, hike, camp, cycle, ski, and play tennis and volleyball. Growler Collar of Traverse City, MI, is owned by **Staton Lorenz** (info@growlercollar.com). His new business promotes awareness of Michigan wines and craft beers. He has volunteered on missionary trips to Haiti and Bolivia. Two grandsons delight **Les '60** and **Liz Belsky Stiel** (stiel@san.rr.com). They are retired in La Jolla, CA, and "loving it." The Stiels travel and do volunteer work AND plan to attend our 50th Reunion next year.

New Yorker **Joel Brody**, MFA '64 (j.brody@frontier.net) is acting in movies and operas with SAG and AFTRA and editing books on the raw food lifestyle. He's also into yoga and interpreting, translating, and learning new languages. **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 Warren Icke '62 and I just attended the annual Cornell Club of Southern Arizona holiday luncheon. It's always a great event, with Cornellians of all ages! Warren is president of the Club for this year and they keep busy with lots of events to interest everyone.

Other news: **Art Resnikoff** and wife Mary Ann Tucciarone live in San Francisco. He still works full-time as a consultant in leadership development and has brought on an associate as well. Art and Mary Ann have one grandchild with two on the way. Art hoped to charter a sailboat in Croatia for a week in September, but I haven't heard if he was successful. He was able to go to the San Francisco Giants Baseball Fantasy Camp in Scottsdale last spring and tore his hamstring sliding into second base. I think the Giants won the World Series this year even with Art being on the "disabled list!" **Bruce Craig**, MED '65 (Alexandria, VA) is the ombudsman for the Administration on Aging's grant programs, similar to the

advising students, guest lecturing, and coaching graduate students to participate in various national real estate competitions. Brad and Lila took their first trip after retirement to Korea and China. Former students of Brad's treated them like royalty when they visited Seoul and Shanghai. These former students arranged dinners, parties, and sightseeing trips and also invited them into their homes to meet their children. The Olsons' son, **Eric '92**, teaches high school English at Harvard-Westlake, the same California prep school attended by one of Cornell's basketball players from the 2010 Ivy League Champion team, **Jon Jaques '10**.

Lee Leonard and his wife, Ruth, live in Reynoldsburg, OH. They went to Homecoming 2009, where **Sandy Gilbert '62** organized a special reunion of Lambda Chi Alpha brothers from the late '50s and '60s. About 60 brothers and their spouses showed up. Lee had his first book published by the U. of Akron Press. *A Columnist's View of Capitol Square* is a compilation of weekly po-

“I have been invited to share some thoughts about world food issues at our 50th Reunion.”

Bob Herdt '61

expeditor in a restaurant. He has spent 40-plus years solving problems in federal government assistance programs. His agency has two full-time WWII veterans, ages 93 and 88, working with it. He plans to keep on working.

One of my sorority sisters, **Leslie Verdier Armentrout**, and husband **David, PhD '65**, split their year between Midland and Grand Haven, MI, and winter on Nevis, an island in the Caribbean. Leslie writes that they (I am assuming) do 5K races with their kids and grandkids and did a triathlon in July with a grandson. Their leisure activities include tennis, racing, biking, kayaking, hiking, book clubs, and volunteer tutoring. **Hal Spitzer**, BArch '66, and his spouse, Tom Martin, were married at their home in Connecticut in February 2009. They spent two weeks in Barcelona and northern Spain at the end of June. Hal is a semi-retired architect. He is also board chair of the Professional Children's School in New York City, vice-chair of Alpha Workshop in NYC, and chair of the development committee and a trustee of the Mary Wade Home in New Haven. Alpha Workshop trains people with HIV to do decorative arts. Mary Wade Home is a senior citizen facility.

Walter and **Susan Moss** Daum, MD '67, live in New York City. Susan is a physician who works part-time, having closed her practice in preventive and occupational/environmental medicine in 2003. She still does some forensic occupational medicine, mostly concerning asbestos-related cancers and causation issues. Susan has also become a serious classical singer. She won a competition and sang at Weill Recital Hall in New York City. She planned a solo recital of Schumann and Berg songs for October 2010. **Lila Fox Olson** writes from Ithaca that her husband, **Brad '62**, retired this past year after teaching for 11 years in Cornell's graduate program in real estate. Brad still keeps busy on campus

litical columns written over a 36-year period at the Ohio Statehouse for United Press Int'l and the *Columbus Dispatch*. It's good for historians and political junkies. **Lycourgos Papayanopoulos** (West Orange, NJ) is on sabbatical from his faculty position at Rutgers and doing research. He spends three to four weeks every year in Greece. His son John, 16, is a member of the tuba section of the West Orange High School Marching Band; they were the 2009 state and regional champs. John is also senior patrol leader of his scout troop and going for his Eagle Scout rank. Lycourgos is involved with pit crew, photography, and other support functions for his son's activity.

That's all for this month, but as always, I can always use more material. E-mail is the easiest and I welcome them. **Nancy Bieders Icke**, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@gmail.com.

64 This column comes to you in the month after the year's shortest month, so let me take the coincidence to hint that these columns will get correspondingly shorter unless I receive more news. Please help by responding soon to the class's annual dues appeal and take a few minutes to send in the news form (or e-mail me directly) to let us all know what's up in your life.

Julia, the daughter of **Marty and Alice Hogan Whyte '74**, was one of many talented high school students who attended the 2010 Cornell Summer College Program. The program is designed to acquaint college-bound sophomores, juniors, and seniors with a higher education learning environment. Bringing us up to date, **Barbara White** French, who has never been in this column, has remarried and lives in Ridgewood, NJ. She works in real estate sales.

Class treasurer **Barbara Lutz** Brim reports that a trip she had planned for last spring had to be cancelled because of ash from the Icelandic volcano. Undaunted, in early fall she linked up with **Anita Apesche** Heller, and the two of them spent two weeks in Egypt, followed by a week in Jordan. Barbara writes that they took a four-day cruise down the Nile, saw the amazing temple at Abu Simbel and the great pyramids and Sphinx at Giza, and took a camel ride to a Nubian village. She declares the ancient city of Petra “by far the most interesting.” She reports, “All in all, it was a great trip, with so much information that I am still processing it.” Class secretary **Barbara Furman** Attardi is a 100 percent Cornell parent; all of her children are grads: **Laura Attardi ’88**, **Daniel Russell ’00**, and **David Russell ’03**. Barbara, who lives in Rockville, MD, and still works as a research scientist in the field of reproductive endocrinology with an emphasis upon endocrine disruptors, had a couple of serious injuries this past year: fractures of a collarbone and femur (but no details given as to why or how). She writes that these traumas set her back about ten weeks, but that she’s made a lot of progress since and has returned to many activities (again, no specifics, but good to hear she’s better). Barbara enjoys traveling to visit her children, who live in San Francisco and Pittsburgh.

Deborah Simon Troner retired from doing art shows about five years ago, but writes that husband **Michael** still practices oncology and likely won’t retire for another three or four years because “he still loves what he does.” The Troners live in Palmetto Bay, FL, and have three grown children and six grandchildren, two by each child. Both are very active in a variety of pursuits, from fly-fishing (Michael) to frequent travel (especially Lancashire, England, where one of their children lives, but also a cruise last spring that included the Panama Canal, plus a trip last fall to Turkey and Greece) to their 13 years as students of the Florence Melton Adult Mini-School, a worldwide Jewish adult education network, plus being active in their home synagogue. Michael is also a recent past president of the American Society of Clinical Oncology Foundation, while Debbie is on the executive board of the Miami chapter of the Center for the Advancement of Jewish Education; she is also on the board of the Miami branch of the Florence Melton School. In their spare time, both enjoy reading. Debbie concludes, “We had a fantastic time at our 45th Reunion and look forward to our 50th!”

Yet another un-retired physician is psychiatrist **Leslie Seiden**, who considers herself “still over-working.” She and husband Hal Rosenblum live in NYC; she has two grown (and she adds, single) sons. In her spare time, Leslie enjoys golf and cooking. **Henry Logan**, ME ’66, who lives in Chadds Ford, PA, with wife Donna, has a question for us all: “Has Cornell’s relative position in the Ivy League improved, stayed the same, (or) gotten worse in the last 50 years?” Hal doesn’t specify in which sports Cornell may have done better or worse, although I’ve personally observed that Cornell has made great advances in women’s intercollegiate sports thanks to Title IX.

That’s it! Please respond to the class dues and news appeal included with our annual newsletter. And be sure to visit our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>. Send me news at home or online at: **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont64@comcast.net.

65 We have received news from **Eitan Schwarz**. Eitan, who earned his medical degree from Johns Hopkins, is a child psychiatrist with a practice in suburban Chicago. He is also on the faculty of the Northwestern U. Medical School. But the real news is the results of his research in the use of digital media in therapy for children. In 2010 the second edition of his book *Kids, Parents, and Technology: A Guide for Young Families* was published. Thanks to the Internet I was able to get several reviews of the book from its readers. Here are a couple of their comments: “I picked up this book after hearing from a friend that I needed to read it. I’m so glad I did! I did not realize how important it is to balance the amount and type of media that our kids are seeing/consuming . . . I had never thought of the computer, TV, etc., as having a major impact on my kids.” Another reflects, “In this time of multiple media sources and the overwhelming content, it’s perfect timing for this parents’ guide on how to manage it all with our children. Dr. Schwarz does an excellent job of embracing technology as part of our lives, while helping us create a plan to guide our kids.” I know that I will be letting my children know that they should look into getting this book, as both have young children.

As most of us recall fondly, last March the Cornell basketball team had its wonderful run through the NCAA Basketball Championship to the “Sweet 16.” **Steve Appell** is probably our class’s “Super B-Ball Fan.” Last season Steve attended 14 games in person—including four in Ithaca. He also saw the Big Red win the Holiday Festival Tournament at Madison Square Garden and get two wins at the NCAA Jacksonville Regional, and went to the Sweet 16 Cornell/Kentucky game at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse. Steve and wife Madeleine still live in Brooklyn. **Nancy Felthousen** Ridenour, MAT ’73, has started a new career after retiring from teaching biology at Ithaca High School for 32 years. She is now a photographic artist with a studio and website (www.nancyridenourartist.com). Nancy has had many shows of her work in Ithaca. Her daughter **Sheryl Ridenour ’91** (Chicago, IL) is a freelance editor, writer, and art consultant. To see examples of Nancy’s work and learn more about what she is doing, check out our class website (<http://classof65.alumni.cornell.edu>) to see her personal interest article.

Martha Weiss Dobra, MS ’67, had a great deal of news to pass on. Now “joyfully” retired, she lives outside Atlanta with her husband, David. They have been married almost three years. Before she moved south, she was able to donate her collection of stuffed bird mounts—about 30 species of local birds—to a college in central New York. Martha and David had a wonderful time on a cruise from San Juan. Ports of call included Dominica, Grenada, Barbados, Tobago, and St. Maarten. At the end of the cruise they spent two days at a B&B near the Puerto Rico rain forest. Per Martha, it was “lovely.” Although they did not attend our 45th Reunion, they might be able to make it to the 50th. Martha hears regularly from **Mary Henry** Young, MS ’69.

While many of our classmates have moved on to retirement, others have moved on to new endeavors—like **Philip Gartenberg**. After a long career in nonprofit management and public sector administration, more than four years ago he started Fulcrum Associates LLC, a consulting practice in Teaneck, NJ. His practice focuses on nonprofit

human services looking at finance, planning, and program development. Phil’s wife, Arlene, is an executive for a nonprofit health insurer. Their son **Adam ’93**, his wife, and three children live in Raleigh, NC. Daughter Melissa married Dan Livny in July 2008. They live in Philadelphia, where she is a psychologist at Penn. For a number of years I played golf in Michigan with Phil’s U. of Michigan grad school roommate, Mark Voight.

From Pacifica, CA, **Ann Houston** had lots of news to pass on. Ann spends her time working out, lunching with girlfriends, walking the beach, and hiking the hills. She reports that both of her children, who are in their 20s, are under-employed. Her son uses his free time to get in plenty of golf and snowboarding. Her daughter is using her “free” time building her horse training business. In recent trips Ann and husband Chris Wren have gone to Mexico—part family business, part vacation—and east to see old friends in New York. They visited Cornell on the trip, where, says Ann, “most of the fun we used to have now seems to be forbidden—climbing the gorge walls, playing in the waterfalls, and jumping off the bridge at Beebe Lake.” Keep the news coming.

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66 Reunion is fast approaching. You have received, or will shortly receive, the registration packet. Whether you have been to many, have attended a few, or have never returned for reunion, you are in for a treat. Our reunion chairs and committees throw a grand party, nicely balanced between academic (our Forum ’66 and “Hidden Jewel” private ’66 tours/lectures), leisure programs, new sites, and free time. We hope to see many of you there.

We seem again to be the class in the middle: many have retired, many are still working, and others are considering that retirement decision. **Grace Kelley** Powers (gkpowers2@verizon.net) has retired, but does keep her hand in nursing once in a while. She now helps out with her twin grandsons who are 2. Grace and husband Larry live in Lewisville, TX, and have recently visited New England, Chicago, and Memphis. **Jonathan Reader**, PhD ’81 (jreader@drew.edu) has stepped down as chair of the IRB (Internal Review Board) at Drew U. He reports that one of his scholarly articles was included in the prestigious British anthology *The History of the Book in the West*. This is the second time this article, originally published in 1986, was included in an anthology. Jonathan and his wife, Andrea, took the family to the Galápagos in January 2010. A colleague also gave the family a tour of Quito.

Keith Jurow (Kjurow45@yahoo.com) has been writing in-depth articles on the housing market debacle for the real estate news website www.realestatechannel.com. The articles are reposted on several leading business websites. After recuperating from some health problems, Keith has returned to his great passions—baking bread and cooking. **Victor Werlau** has downsized into retirement. **David ’67** and **Marion King Lonsdale** (lonsdale9066@comcast.net) are also enjoying retirement. Based in Oregon, they enjoy exploring the Pacific coast. David does a lot of clamming and teaches marine biology part-time. Marion enjoys volunteer work and spending time with grandkids. **Charles Rappaport** (cr78@cornell.edu) is retired and lives in Maine with wife Penny Hall. Charlie visited Ithaca in August and got a parking

ticket near the Campus Store. He swears he intended to pay but lost the ticket! He hopes he will be allowed on campus for reunion!

Gary Schoener (grschoener@aol.com) was this year's H. B. Williams Traveling Professor for the Royal Australia and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists. He spent nearly a month traveling and lecturing in both countries—quite an interesting experience. In May he stepped down after 37 years as executive director of the Walk-In Counseling Center in Minneapolis, but continued as director of consultation and training. He also continues to provide testimony in legal cases, especially lawsuits involving sexual abuse by persons in professional roles.

Maryland residents **Gary Culver** (Gary@TCG-LLC.net) and wife Barbara plan to retire to central New York, where they now spend their summers. Gary is the founder of a full-service company providing data collection systems to government agencies. This includes hardware/software kits for scanners and portable data terminals for barcodes, OCR, RFID, and fingerprints. The products are sold to both DOD and civilian agencies, including Homeland Security, USPS, USDA, IRS, and Census. Gary and Barbara have two daughters, who are teachers, and one grandson. A fabulous trip to Australia and New Zealand was the Feb/March 2010 highlight for **Brian and Helga Cranston** (BNHCRANSTON@msn.com). Brian is looking forward to our 45th Reunion and hopes to see some Alpha Chi Rho brothers on the Hill. The Rev. **Mary Whitley Reese** (marybeth46@yahoo.com) lives in Goldsboro, NC. **Don '67** and **Sharon Ann Stiles Eversmann** now reside in Mason, OH.

Definitely not retired are **John Richert** (john.richert@biogenidec.com) and his wife, Nancy. In 2010 they were recruited to Biogen Idec, a biotech company in Cambridge, MA. Nancy is the in-house radiologist in neurology research and development, and John is VP of neurology and a senior neurology fellow. The Richerts now live in Cambridge. Another Cambridge resident is classmate **Lawrence Bailis** (bailis@brandeis.edu). He is an associate professor at Brandeis and is director of the Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program there. **Norman Meyer** (nm2101@yahoo.com) is still working, but plans to retire in two years. He and wife Joyce live in Sebastian, FL. As for traveling, Norman says, "I live on the ocean in Florida. Why go anywhere else?" How about reunion?

Seriously, if you are considering reunion, think positive. It is an experience not to be missed. **Susan Rockford Bittker**, ladyscienc@aol.com; **Pete Salinger**, pete.sal@verizon.net; **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, deanne.gitner@gmail.com.

67 "At age 65, change of career path to legal counsel for global hi-tech company," reports **Robert Engel** (Santa Fe, NM; rae@engellawsf.com). "Really enjoying it—split time between Santa Fe and New York City." **Frank Spirtel** (Whitefish Bay, WI) writes: "Recently retired from Briggs & Stratton after 30-plus years as director of risk management." He adds that wife Mary and he traveled to Alaska. **Leslie Kreittler Stauffer** (Tampa, FL) is involved in charity work with a children's home and the Children's Aid Society, as well as "taking care of my 91-year-old mother, helping with five grandchildren, fishing, swimming, and equestrian events." She's also working at "saving the wild horses with the Cloud Foundation." **James "Arvid" Brady** (Pensacola, FL; jab249@cornell.edu) retired

last June from his position as head, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Pensacola Junior College. He's staying on as an adjunct instructor teaching vertebrate zoology. Meanwhile, he volunteers as curator of vertebrate zoology at Pensacola State College and serves as president of the Cornell Club of the Emerald Coast and of the Francis M. Weston Chapter of the National Audubon Society.

Susan Mokotoff Reverby reports: "It has been a very amazing year. My book, *Examining Tuskegee: The Infamous Syphilis Study*, came out in 2009 and garnered several major awards. In October 2010, my research on the US Public Health Service inoculation syphilis experiments in Guatemala in 1946-48 brought worldwide media attention and the US government's formal apology to the Guatemalans. And my first grandchild was born. Retirement does not seem in the cards and I am on board to chair the women's and gender studies department at Wellesley again next year. Many thanks to the ILR school's Gerd Korman and his continued faith in me as an historian."

Bob Wehe (E. Stroudsburg, PA; weherob@ptd.net) advises, "Since retiring at 60, have become a full-time volunteer: Rotary, Salvation Army, Red Cross, SCORE. I'm also in two choirs and have been on mission trips to India and to Honduras (three times). Rotary was influential in starting Easter Seals, March of Dimes, and the UN, and took the lead in worldwide polio eradication. If we ever achieve world peace, Rotary will have played a very large role." **Lois Thetford** (Seattle, WA; loisth@mindspring.com) reports, "I have a new job as lecturer in the Medex physician assistant training program at the U. of Washington." She's also active in the Women's Empowerment Network, "supporting the Maria Louise Ortiz Cooperative in Mulukuku, Nicaragua."

Roger Goldberg (r-goldberg@onu.edu) is "enjoying retirement, spending time at Pawley's Island, SC (to avoid the Ohio winter)." **Avram Chetron** (Ashland, OR; avram.chetron@gmail.com) reports great happiness: "I've been singing in choral groups, seeing lots of theatre, and enjoying beautiful southern Oregon—I feel like I've found the place to stay forever! Not too many Cornellians in Ashland, but I continue to follow the major Cornell sports teams. I've volunteered for the Nature Conservancy and for the local public radio station."

Toni Ladenburg Delacorte (Stillwater, MN) reports that she's starting a new life in the Minneapolis suburbs. "Still working for NAPS, a feature news service, and caring for two old golden retrievers and two young cats." **Jan Garden Castro** (New York, NY; jancastro1@gmail.com) writes, "I curated an art exhibition in Peru and wrote the catalog for this and an upcoming exhibition at Dartmouth College." In noting how Cornell played a part in her life, she adds, "My studies with A.R. Ammons, **Forrest Read, PhD '61**, and **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38** were significant, as were the poetry activities and the literary scene." **Richard B. Hoffman**, 2925 28th St., NW, Washington, DC 20008; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.

68 **Seth Willenson** (sethwillensoninc@aol.com) writes that he started a motion picture development company with investor Donald Watkins and that his kids keep him current with the market. He recently worked on a movie about UCLA coach John Wooden and is starting production of a "Littlest Angel" feature as well. Seth would like to hear from **Richard Lorenzini '67**. **Ray Reisler**, MAT '71 (Los Angeles; ray@smtfoundation.org)



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has spent the last year helping son Zachary with the college application process. This process ended happily, as **Zachary '14** was accepted by the Arts college. We hope to hear more from Ray about Zachary's experiences as a freshman.

Kathy Maney Fox's daughter **Melissa Toner Lozner '97** is an attorney in New Jersey and continuing to expand her family—two girls so far. Kathy also has another grandchild by her step-daughter **Carly Fox, MRP '06**. Kathy (kmfox@twcny.rr.com) works out daily at the YWCA and attends sporting events at Cornell, with season tickets to hockey and football. Although she and husband Gary still call Cortland home, they were considering spending time this winter someplace warmer. Other activities that keep Kathy busy include being treasurer for the Cortland County Cornell Women's Club and a Democratic committee-person for her ward. Kathy would love to hear from her Kappa Kappa Gamma sisters about future reunions.

Former class correspondent **Gordon Silver** (gordonhsilver@gmail.com) now lives on Fisher Island, near Miami, FL. He works as a corporate director for several companies, including China HGS Real Estate Inc. and J.I. Kislak Inc. **James Michaels** (Rockville, MD; rabbijim1718@verizon.net), Gordon's roommate senior year, is working on the second edition of his book on long-term pastoral care. In 2007 James was certified as a CPE Supervisor, which enabled him to teach chaplains to do the work he loves to do. He considers it a great honor to mentor young people entering the rabbinate or the ministry.

Several of our classmates attended Cornell's Adult University (CAU) last summer, including: **Shelley Cullen Kay**, with her husband, **Stuart '67**, **Margo Stout Kilbon**, **David Maisel**, and **James Simons**, MBA '70. Steven Silverstein, son of Drs. Cheryl Hutt and **Saul Silverstein**, was one of the many talented high school students who attended the 2010 Cornell Summer College Program.

Diane DeGeorge Nichols (Rochester, NY; diane_nichols@urmc.rochester.edu) continues to work full-time at the U. of Rochester Medical Center as the data manager of the blood and marrow transplant unit. In her free time, Diane enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, and she remains an avid fan of Cornell and Penn State football, Yankees baseball, and indoor lacrosse games. As time allows, she also volunteers for some cancer-related charities. Diane would love to hear from **Robert Horn**, **Joe Klein '67**, and **Sandra Parise Bissell**.

Robert Brandon, BArch '69 (Boston, MA; Bob.Brandon@SEAcon.com) is enjoying life since selling his architecture and engineering firm to an international company; he remains at the firm as the president of marketing. He enjoys playing lots of tennis and spending time with his granddaughter, 3. Bob and wife Carol celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. **Felicia Nimue Ackerman**, a professor of philosophy at Brown U., writes short stories, poems, and a monthly column. In addition, Felicia is assistant secretary of her area's NAACP branch.

Bennett Marsh (bamarsh@att.net) sent a long update, based on the questions from the News Form, starting with what he has been doing recently: "Not long ago, a friend asked me to join him writing for a Washington, DC-based newsletter called 'Inside US-China Trade,' and because I have no journalistic experience, it has taken some adjusting. But I love to write about international trade policy, and it couldn't be a more exciting

time to be covering the China beat. Having lived in Europe for four years, it was overdue for us to see what they call the 'American Riviera,' and we did that in October. We stayed at the Simpson House Inn, a perfectly managed and charming B&B in Santa Barbara, CA, and enjoyed the fresh California produce and the wonderful wines grown on the nearby slopes of the Santa Ynez Mountains. We spend our free time taking 'gallery walks' and museum tours (our daughter, **Joanna '99** (Arts), is a curator at the Smithsonian American Art Museum), and visiting Virginia's best wineries, which are only a few miles west of our home. I volunteer at the Virginia State Arboretum near Winchester. One of the forms asked what I remember about Cornell. Well, as I write this on a cold November afternoon, I remember the peaceful, warm reading spaces of the A. D. White Library on chilly, snow-blown Sunday afternoons in January. I would love to be in touch with **Michael Tucker '70**." Send your news to me at: Mary.Hartman.Schmidt@schmidt-federico.com.

69 Hope you all survived the winter and are keeping warm and cozy as we await spring. **Jim Gregory**, MA '72, is a full-time square dance caller and teacher. Since 1980, he's been calling contras and squares, adding folk dancing, ballroom dance, and lots of line dances to his daytime classes. He travels throughout New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and his home state of Connecticut. In 2007, Jim led the Baltimore Cornell Club's Saturday afternoon family dance and evening New England contra dance—music supplied by Jiggermeister, led by Cornell alum and accordionist **Andrew Marcus '03**.

Richard Erali and wife Gail have made their dream come true—living in Trumansburg, NY. Richard continues to serve on the Advisory Council for the Glee Club, "a position I am very honored to hold." **Steve Marx** and wife Merrill had a busy year: both daughter Emily and son Jeff were married. They also sold their big house and bought a condo overlooking Tampa Bay and "love the high-rise life." **Gail Papermaster** Bender closed her private practice at the end of 2007, but continues her work as a medical oncologist in a group practice in Edina, MN. She enjoys spending time with granddaughter Samantha, age 2-1/2.

Richard Poznysz is still a cranberry grower, operating 50 acres in Massachusetts. He is a member of the board of directors of Ocean Spray and chair of the Audit Committee. **Joseph Titone** started a new company, Brain Tunnelgenix, with Dr. Marc Abreu of Yale U.—with the invention of a thermometer for continuous external measurement of body/brain temperature. He writes that he's got "no time for play." **Kate Jurow**, from Somerville, MA, volunteers as a ranger for the National Park Service and enjoys "mud-wrestling with a doctorate in environmental studies, with Japanese drumming for relaxation." Interesting, Kate!

Naresh Khanna (unknkk@yahoo.co.in) is in New Delhi, India, working at a family-owned fine jewelry store. He's invested in hotels in Bombay and Goa and would love to hear from fellow Hoteliers. **Ingrid Vatsvog** Wachtler, ME '70, had an expensive summer, with two children getting married. **Betty Stoltz** was in attendance. Ingrid would love to hear from her old roomie **Pam Howard**. **Kenneth LaPensee** recently moved to New Jersey to work in the health insurance and pharmaceutical industries. He serves as a commissioner on Parsippany's environmental and open space commission.

Phil Reilly is busy at Third Rock Ventures in Boston. He focuses on starting companies to develop cures for rare genetic diseases. Good for you, Phil. **Margaret Peterson** Mathewson is practicing law in Wichita, KS. She and husband Duane find their work at Positive Directions (an AIDS/HIV multi-faceted group), cooking every week for their clients, most rewarding. She devotes every Sunday providing food to sick, indigent people and their children. She is also on the board of directors for the Legal Aid Society and raises money for all sorts of functions. This news from **Liz Oshry** Dietz, BS Nurs '69 (drlizrn@aol.com) just missed our last deadline: "We finally moved into a gated community in San Jose, CA, for happy folk over 55 years of age: four swimming pools and spas, two golf courses, six tennis courts, a bocce court, and miles of hiking and walk trails along with a country club. No stairs to climb and only three bedrooms to clean—yippee! Still in the midst of volunteering as a nurse for the Red Cross from the San Bruno explosion and fire, along with part-time work as assistant director of the LPN/RN program at Mission College in Santa Clara, CA. I also do a bit of teaching for U. of Phoenix. My sons are great, and grandchildren are super." Keep your news coming to: Tina.Economaki@optonline.net.


70 As the year is quickly moving along, I'm sure that delightful spring weather is just around the corner. Best wishes to you all for happiness and good health as 2011 progresses!

Kathy Law Orloski (klo24@cornell.edu) and her husband, **Rick, JD '71**, became grandparents in 2010. Cole Law Orloski, born September 20, is the son of **Kevin Law Orloski '99** and his wife, Maraleen Shields. Isabel Grace Orloski, born in early 2010, is the daughter of **Richard Law Orloski '94** and his wife, Alicia Forward. Both Kevin and Richard practice law with their father in the Orloski Law Firm in Allentown, PA. Son **Joseph Law Orloski '03** completed an ER residency in New Jersey and is now working as an ER physician in Fort Lauderdale, FL. In addition, the couple's youngest daughter, **Katherine Marie Orloski '10**, graduated last May and married classmate **Nigel Watt '10** in Houston, TX. Katherine is teaching high school in Houston, and Nigel is in a PhD program at Rice U. Oldest daughter Rebecca Lee Orloski graduated from Lafayette in 1996. Congratulations to all!

I am proud and happy to announce the birth of two new granddaughters to my twin daughters this past summer and fall. Brooke Holiday Paves was born to Michael and **Bethany Meyer-Paves '96** on July 30, 2010. By the way, Holiday is a family name on both sides (and they do like holidays!). Margaret Constance "Maggie" McGrath was born to Paul and **Robyn Meyer McGrath '97** on September 27, 2010. Both families live in San Francisco. The new babies join their cousins Chloe, 5-1/2, and Bode, 2-1/2, of Oakland, CA, whose parents are my son, Eric, and his wife, Kara. The other proud and excited grandparents are Kathy and **Glenn Meyer** of Maple Glen, PA (gardenglennsta@gmail.com).

Sadly, I report the deaths of **Drew Kovalak** and **George "Skip" Lawrence**. Drew, of Woodbury, MN, died on November 27, 2010. Noted as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother, Drew is survived by his wife, Melba, sons Bradley and David, and granddaughter Abbey, as well as a sister and brother. A Government major at Cornell,

Drew was working as director of compliance at Open Access Technology Int'l Inc. in Minneapolis at the time of his death. He enjoyed golf and snowboarding. A colleague and fellow Cornellian says that Drew spoke often and fondly of Cornell.

Skip Lawrence, of Phoenixville, PA, died on April 25, 2009 while participating in a local Arthritis Foundation 5K run and walk with his family. At the time of his death, Skip was a popular writer for the town newspaper, the *Phoenix*, and was known for his intelligence and vigor as a writer, as well as his patience, kindness, and wisdom. Through his column, "In Common," he provided thought-provoking, "mind-bogglingly wordy" columns, as well as fine-tuned political stories to the community at large. Skip led a life he truly enjoyed. He began his professional career in Ithaca, where he worked to improve transportation, both public and private. While in Ithaca, he married **Janet Lawrence '80**, PhD '93, and they had two children, Chris and Heather. Skip later earned a graduate degree in theology and social ethics from the Divinity School at the U. of Chicago and worked as a fundraising director for numerous nonprofits and academic institutions. These included the Lily Endowment, the U. of Delaware, Haverford College, the Museum of Natural Science in Philadelphia, Stevens Inst. of Technology, and dozens more over many years. His more recent charitable endeavors in Phoenixville included the expansion of public and non-motorized transportation and the Stepping Stones Preschool. As his son described it, "He spent his life embodying philanthropy." Skip is also survived by his six beloved grandchildren.  **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu.

Older daughter Kristen graduated from Harvard Law School, passed the NYS Bar exam, and started work at a major New York law firm. My youngest, Kimberly, is pursuing an advanced degree at Oxford U. I am still recovering from a successful argument—a unanimous victory—in the US Supreme Court."

Sadly, **Rich Funke** reported last November on the passing of **Jim Adams**. Jim, who was a frequent contributor to this column, was a retired US Navy Commander. Rich writes, "He was my close friend from the time we entered NROTC, Fall 1967. After a full career with the US Navy, including command of a ship, Jim continued to serve his Virginia Beach community as a middle school teacher of mathematics. He was a great role model, teacher, service member, citizen, parent, husband."

Here is some news that was languishing in our mailbag for awhile: First, congratulations to the members of our class who were re-elected last summer to the Cornell U. Council for four-year terms beginning July 1, 2010 and ending June 30, 2014. Council members are elected based upon their leadership in Cornell volunteer activities and business and professional endeavors, as well as community and charity involvement. Re-elected were **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas, **Richard Furbush Jr.**, **Stuart Oran**, and **Linda Vecchiotti** Saal. They rejoin an illustrious group of '71ers continuing their terms on the Council: **Deborah Gerard** Adelman, MS '74, **Lynn Axel** Butterly, **Marc S. Cohen**, **Joseph Keithley**, ME '72, **Laurie Berke-Weiss**, **Bruce Hack**, **Jay Carter**, ME '72 (ex officio), and **Rochelle Michlin** Proujansky (ex officio).

Jeffrey Gutman wrote that he was retiring from the World Bank after a 30-year career. He and Ilene have two children. **Katie '04** graduated from

George Washington Medical School, and son Matthew is doing a residency in veterinary radiology. Family practice physician **Patricia Hawk Schechter**, MS '73, checked in from Atascadero, CA, where she lives with husband **Robert, PhD '72**. She reported that her after-hours activities include pottery, farm business, her six green-houses, and her grandkids. **Barbara Collier** Vuf-fray reported from Le Lieu, Switzerland, on the French/Swiss border, where she is a home health care nurse and traveling in southern France.

Ted Urban is semi-retired from law practice in Maryland. While he continues doing pro bono work for the Maryland Bar, his main activity is as a consultant serving the USAID capital markets project in Kiev, Ukraine. He works on pension reform and development. Ted writes that he enjoyed his business travels to Kiev, in between tennis, golf, and beach house time. He says he is quite content with things as is. Another beach house denizen, **Robert Brandt**, purchased a house on Indian Neck in Wellfleet, MA, on Cape Cod. Robert continues as a private practice clinical psychologist. **Jana Shaffer** Lamboy teaches conservation and horticulture at Finger Lakes Community College, where she developed a new viticulture and wine technology program at FLCC. In her off hours Jana grows cut flowers to sell at farmers markets. **Stephanie Bell** Hill, BFA '72, checked in from Oreville, PA, where she is a business development manager for Hewlett Packard.

Reunion is rapidly approaching. You can find information and registration details online at: <http://classof71.alumni.cornell.edu>. If there's a classmate you would like to see at reunion, why not make contact and ask him or her to attend? Let us know and we will assist you

71 The reunion committee, co-chaired by **David Beale** (dab38@cornell.edu) and **Gilda Klein** Linden (GKL4@cornell.edu), is working hard to finalize plans for our Fabulous 40th, June 9-12, 2011. They scheduled venues, selected menus, planned events, and engaged speakers, culminating with an elegant dinner with guest speaker at the Statler Ballroom on Saturday night. Additional events include a reception on the Straight Terrace, wine tasting at the Gothic Archway, barbecue at the new Physical Sciences Atrium, and a health and fitness program at our Flora Rose House headquarters.

There were a number of classmates at the Sy Katz Parade last November in NYC. Among the kazoo-tooting hundreds of Cornellians joining the Big Red Band in the traditional march down Fifth Avenue from St. Patrick's Cathedral to the Cornell Club were **Martha Coultrap**, **Laurie Berke-Weiss**, **Jan Rothman**, **Paul Fish '70**, and **Dale Cohen**. Following the parade, we gathered with spouses/friends for a group dinner at the Heartland Brewery in Times Square.

For the past several years, **John Cross** has been a staff attorney for the chief justice of the Massachusetts Probate and Family Court. He writes, "My work has focused on two major areas: guardianship reform and access to justice issues, particularly for indigent litigants." John is also an author and teacher on legal ethics and guardianship and conservatorship law at Massachusetts School of Law. "For the last four or five years," he writes, "I've been building a house in Tenants Harbor, ME, and hope one day to retire there with my wife, Barbara." **Bill Grauer**, JD '74, an attorney in San Diego, CA, sent news of his family. "My wife, Lana, is retired from her career in biotechnology.



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connection. ■ **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu; **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu.

72 The major news in the Bay Area in 2010 was the San Francisco Giants unexpectedly winning the World Series for the first time since they moved to California in 1958. On a personal note, my recovery from knee replacement surgery (and subsequent blood infection) progressed to where I was able to return to playing golf, and I made the drive to Pebble Beach in June to watch the 2010 US Open. I also attended a fascinating symposium on sports law at the Santa Clara Law School. The topics of discussion included head injuries, use of performance enhancing drugs, the “amateurism” of college athletes, and the use of an athlete’s image in video games. For me the highlight was meeting the legendary Cleveland Browns running back Jim Brown, who was on some of the panels, including the one on the long-term effects of concussions.

Stephanie Harris Morgan is senior director of real estate for the northeast region for Life Time Fitness Inc. She is an in-house developer for this publically traded health and fitness club headquartered near Minneapolis, MN. Stephanie enjoys gardening and helped the local CAAAN group in New Jersey by attending college fair nights, talking Cornell to excited high school seniors. In addition to her CAAAN volunteer work, she works for an organization providing support and services to victims of domestic violence. Stephanie would like to travel more for pleasure and less for business. She has many fond memories of Cornell: picking apples in the fall, swimming at Buttermilk Falls, and learning to create pottery in the Straight basement. Stephanie has re-established contact with **Karen Lewis**, **Mimi Schneider** Trudeau ’74, MPS ’93, **Charlie Sabatino**, **Steve Camitta** ’70, and **David Beale** ’71.

Steve Silbermann, ME ’73, retired from a 37-year career at Kodak and ITT as an engineering manager. Son **Josh** ’04, BEE ’03, MEE ’04, works as a program manager for Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. Son **Ari** ’08 works for the federal government. Both boys live in Washington, DC. Wife Susie continues to enjoy working for Thomson-Reuters. Steve’s preferred fitness activity is squash; he plays three to four times a week. He is very involved in Honor Flight, a national organization whose mission is to take WWII veterans to their memorial in Washington, DC. For many of our parents, it’s too late, but for those still alive who have not seen the WWII Memorial, Honor Flight is committed to getting our heroes from “the Greatest Generation” to this memorial as quickly as possible. Hats off to you, Steve, for your work with this worthwhile endeavor. **Steve Sharfstein** retired in 2009 after 33 years with the federal government. He is doing part-time consulting in labor and employee relations. He and his wife like to travel, spending time recently in Sedona, AZ, Vail, CO, and Carmel, CA. The thing that Steve remembers most about Cornell was the great environment (physical, intellectual, and social) that developed, shaped, and guided him.

Logan Robinson is a professor at the U. of Detroit Law School. After graduation from Cornell and Harvard Law School, he did post-doctoral work at the universities of Leningrad and Moscow in the former Soviet Union and at Leiden in the Netherlands. Logan had a 30-year career as an international and automotive lawyer. He served as vice president and general counsel of Delphi, then the

world’s largest automotive supplier, and led the legal aspects of Delphi’s initial public offering on the New York Stock Exchange. Logan also served as general counsel of Chrysler Int’l Corp. and served as managing director of Chrysler Austria. He has published *An American in Leningrad*, about his experiences as a law professor, and *Evil Star*, a spy thriller. To celebrate his 60th birthday, Logan and son Landon joined eight other climbers and three guides to climb Aconcagua, the highest mountain in South America (22,841 feet) and the highest in the world outside the Himalayas. Two years earlier, Logan and Landon climbed Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, the highest peak in Africa. A fascinating account of their trek appeared in the January 29, 2010 edition of the *Detroit Legal News*.

Weddings were prominent in the Schulz family. **Bill “Wes” Schulz**, ME ’73, married Debbie Gomez in March 2010 in Sugar Land, TX. The newlyweds live in Bay City, TX, close to Wes’s job at a nuclear power plant. He says that his job as an engineer at the plant is slightly more important than the duties of Homer Simpson at the Springfield nuclear plant. Daughter Amy was married in September 2009 on the banks of the Pedernales River, outside of Austin. Her husband, Colin, was featured in a Wendy’s commercial that played on ESPN. Wes’s son Douglas officiated at his sister’s wedding. **Art Gabrielse** ’70 retired and moved from Lyons to Midland, TX, to be close to his daughter Megan and his new grandson, Gabriel Ryan. Art says that retirement is great, although he is having to adjust to the heat of the summers in west Texas. Send news to: ■ **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu; **Gary Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; or **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com.

73 This is one of the scarier columns I’ve had to write, but the facts are clear: more of us are becoming . . . grandparents! **Rick Lissa** reports from Somerset, NJ, where his lives with wife Judy, that granddaughter Mikaela Hope Lissa arrived in August. Grandpa is not ready to retire, yet—he’s still at Formosa Plastics—and is happy to report that after three-and-a-half years the business is showing signs of life again. But the golf game is not quite so nimble. Why does that always seem to happen around the time the grandkids arrive? **Richard MacMillan**, BS Ag ’75 (Shawnee, OK) is now happily self-employed working on rental property and remodeling. He and wife Janet plan to move closer to the kids and grandkids. **George Ragsdale** lives with wife Eleanor in Milton, GA, a city he helped incorporate, earning himself the chairmanship of the new Milton Planning Commission. (You’re a brave man, George—Middle East diplomacy is easier.) He still remembers Cornell men’s basketball, but now his sport is golf—and of course playing with his two granddaughters.

In non-grandparent news: **Torin Togut** teaches special education law and advocates for the rights of children with disabilities. He serves as president of the ARC of Georgia, and is on the board of Parent to Parent of Georgia, protecting the rights of disabled children and adults. **Charles Wait** is serving his third term as a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, 19th year as director of the New York Racing Association, and 27th year as president of the Adirondack Trust Co. in Saratoga Springs, where he reports it was a great summer for hiking and sailing. He’d especially like to hear from old friend **Peter McCue**, JD ’78. **George Mitchell** reports from North Rose,

NY, that daughter number two was married in September—that’s the last of the three girls.

Jean Florman is in Iowa City at the Center for Teaching, U. of Iowa. She still remembers her Cornell courses on Anthropology, Art History, and Modernization of the American Mind. She volunteers with Rotary on an international service learning course, partnering with residents of Xicotepec, Mexico. Google Jean’s name and you’ll see the paper she co-authored on this project. **Anita Graves** Deming, MPS ’78, lives with husband John in New Russia, NY, where she retired, only to be promptly hired by Cornell Cooperative Extension. She’s co-author of a pamphlet on the history of agriculture in the Champlain Valley, as well as a 4H leader and a volunteer EMT.

Randy Barbarash lives with wife Lorraine in Chester, NY; he is recently retired, but still working three days a week teaching at local colleges. He also notes enthusiastically that he has discovered golf! Ah, such innocence! **Colleen Colbert** (Nyack, NY) practices psychology from an office overlooking the Hudson. She visits her hometown (Ithaca) regularly, and is especially excited about the new addition to the Johnson Museum. She serves on the board of the Edward Hopper House Art Center in Nyack, is active in the Cornell Club of Rockland County, and reports that her kids love the Cornell sports camps. She sends a “hello” to **Danielle Lombardo** Trostorf.

Paul Witt (Gettysburg, PA) and wife Dana spent two weeks in the south of France. They visited **Sue Madden** Gatie ’74 there and had her help planning the itinerary. And guess which racing fan (who saw his first Grand Prix at Watkins Glen in 1969) got to see the Formula 1 Grand Prix in Monaco? Yup! Paul says if you go, be sure to walk the track after the race. **Mark Granick** lives with wife **Carol Singer-Granick** in Livingston, NJ, although they’ve been making many trips to Europe on the excuse that their daughter is a grad student in Lausanne, Switzerland. You never stop being a parent! He says his research time with Tom Eisner and Bruce Halpern still influences his career. Mark also spends each November in Africa doing medical mission work. He’d like to reconnect with **Saul Garlick**, **Paul Kross**, and **Bill Allured**.

Susan Denburg Yellin lives in Great Neck, NY, with husband Paul, and just saw her first book published, *Life After High School: A Guide for Students with Disabilities and Their Families*. It grew out of the nonprofit she founded, the Center for Learning Differences. She also serves as the director of advocacy and transition services at the Yellin Center for Student Success, founded by her husband, which evaluates students who struggle with learning. Susan shared an interesting wish: she wishes she could “do over” her time at Cornell—with the judgment and maturity of being 59, but with the energy and good looks of a teenager. If you find a way to pull it off, e-mail me ASAP and I’ll post details in the next column (unless Wiki-Leaks breaks it first).

My wife, **Patti (Miller)** ’72, and I are still empty-nesting on Mercer Island, WA, where I continue to host a talk show on KIRO-FM and Patti helps raise money for Children’s Hospital and volunteers at Ten Thousand Villages. One daughter is engaged; the other works in Ivory Coast—although because of the recent unrest she was evacuated to Switzerland to wait it out. One of the few upsidest to political upheaval! As November tends to be unbearably wet in Seattle, we spent two weeks in a warmer climate—Iran. We were unsure what to expect, but enforcement of the headscarf rule was

pretty relaxed in the cities (as long as the women covered at least some of their hair), most apartments sprouted (officially prohibited) satellite dishes, and our reception was uniformly friendly. The holy city of Qom was the exception—all the women wore black chadors, and we were told we would only be driving through and not leaving the bus.

To keep out of trouble in Iran, the main rules seem to be: never publish the word "Israel," don't dis the Supreme Leader, never challenge the coming of the 12th Imam, and don't organize big public demonstrations without government approval. Abide by those rules and nobody cares if you watch western TV, buy makeup, or keep a wine stash in the back cupboard. Yes, teachers still lead grade school kids in the occasional "Death to America" chant, but it doesn't seem to have a lasting effect. When we told locals (in halting Farsi) that we were visiting from "the Great Satan," they usually laughed—and still wanted their picture taken with us. I've posted some pictures on my show page at www.mynorthwest.com; scroll to the November entries. Have a great spring, and keep spoiling those grandkids! ■ **David Ross**, dross6@msn.com; **Phyllis Haight** Grummon, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 **Catherine Cruz** reports that last April she visited Melbourne, Australia, and Tasmania along with **Beth Devlin** and **Dave Van Dyke**. Beth and Dave's daughter **Lauren '10** graduated from the Arts college. **Judi Friedman Babcock** is a part-time play therapist in the Boston area. She is also an avid painter and reports that she has sold some of her art, which can be viewed at <http://mysite.verizon.net/judibabcock/paintings.html>. **Richard Dobec**, MPS '75, is retired. He enjoys babysitting his grandchildren, consulting in the standard and thoroughbred racehorse business, painting, teaching watercolors, and playing golf. **Stephen Moorman** informs us that his son Jacob, 15, was selected to complete on the US team in the World Age Group Trampoline Championships in Metz, France.

After nearly 23 years as a US Foreign Service officer, **Margot Biegelson** Ellis joined the United Nations and now lives in Amman, Jordan. She is the deputy commissioner-general for UNRWA, the UN organization responsible for Palestinian refugees living in the West Bank, Gaza, Lebanon, Jordan, and Syria. Margot and Mervyn's daughter, **Erin '14**, joined Eden 2012 at Cornell; she is in Arts and Sciences. After nearly 30 years in the Dept. of Medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, **Michael Lipkowitz** moved to Georgetown U. His wife, **Andrea LaPaugh**, remains a professor of computer science at Princeton.

Esteban Rosas reports that he and his wife met up with his North Campus roommate **Don Gene Gross** and his wife in Washington, DC. Esteban informs us that Don is a consultant and that he is a government of Mexico economic developer. Last year, Esteban completed an MS in economic development in Edinburgh, Scotland. He describes himself as having two young grandchildren, a white beard, 50 percent less hair, and Class of '74 tales to recount in a book of anecdotes he is currently writing. Stay tuned. Esteban reports that he feels the blues for the Hill. **Eddy-Michel Daniel** moved back to Big Flats, NY, six years ago to raise Charolais cattle and organic Duroc hogs for a specialty store in NYC. When he is not traveling, he visits Cornell once a week. Eddy-Michel has been active in the relief effort in Haiti. After the January 2010 earthquake, he facilitated

reconstruction projects. He has also been involved in agricultural operations in Haiti, including a meeting with former president Clinton in Haiti regarding funding private agricultural projects.

Bonni Schulman Dutcher had dinner with **Jeff Coe**, **Roger Boner**, and **Glenn Strahs**, who all lived together on Geneva Street. Jeff is married to Bonni's former roommate, **Marianne Stein**; they live in Houston. Bonni has a new job with Dendreon Corp., where she is working on a therapy for prostate cancer. Bonni tells us that she went on vacation to Utah and Arizona with her other former housemate, **Christine "Devon" Osbahr** Bingham '75, MPS '81. She has only one more state to visit—North Dakota. **Beth Saltzman Aaronson** bemoans her inability to convince her three boys to attend Cornell, although her oldest attended the summer sophomore honors program. She works as an office manager and volunteers through Hadassah. She and **Michael '73** will celebrate 40 years of dating this February and became grandparents of Abigail last June.

Nancy Newcomer Vick reports that she has traded her empty nest for a pad near Lincoln Center for part of the week. She is studying global studies at NYU, which allows her to marry her interest in international studies with what she describes as her new love affair with Africa. She also sings in two choruses and is active on two nonprofit arts and education boards. Her daughter, Jane, is a political science student at Fordham, and her son, Charlie, is a communications major at Fairfield U. Nancy enjoys keeping in touch with her classmates and loved our 35th Reunion. She would welcome hearing from long-lost friends, including **Claudia Hebel** Malone, **Wes Ayre '73**, **Johnny Magill '73**, **Dianne Veris** Puls, and **Andra Putenis** Racibarskas.

Rosemary Gerof Kalikow retired after a 30-year career in the entertainment industry, including a stint as producer for "Live with Regis & Kathie Lee." She now works with underprivileged teens in Rosie O'Donnell's theatre arts after-school program, Rosie's Theatrical Kids, in Manhattan. Rosemary has been married for 36 years to **Richard '71**; they live in Manhattan with three dogs. Their son, Brett, graduated from Harvard in 2009 and is applying to law school. Richard and Rosemary's foster son, Javier Will, is in his third year at the Fashion Inst. of Technology.

Steve Carlton-Ford reports that he and wife Cindy and all of the younger Carlton-Fords are doing fine. Hal, the oldest, graduated from the U. of Cincinnati with a degree in classics and is embarking on a movie-making career. After two years working with a circus and a stunt coordinator, their second child, Ware, is majoring in theatre at Illinois State U. Hollis, the youngest, is a senior at Walnut Hills High School; he is endeavoring to have Parours recognized as a sport. Cindy continues her editing and teaching at the U. of Cincinnati; she also runs the writing center at Walnut Hills High School. Steve was promoted to full professor and department head at the U. of Cincinnati. **Vincent Racaniello** is a professor of microbiology at Columbia U. He reports that he has mastered blogging at the age of 57, which new skill he uses to preach how "cool" viruses are.

Michael Ganas, managing director of Boswell Underwater Engineering, informs us that although he is a civil engineer by trade, in 2008 he published his first novel, *The Girl Who Rode Dolphins*. Michael tells us that the inspiration was the more than nine-year battle with chronic myeloid leukemia waged by his wife, Harriet. The novel

has received five awards, the most recent in the environmental/green fiction category of the 2010 International Book Awards. To learn more about Michael's novel, visit www.thegirlwhorode dolphins.com. **Leslee Carver** recently enjoyed **Jill Cummings's** visit in Chicago, where Leslee has lived since 1979. Jill tells us that she keeps up with **Carol Bradford** and her husband, **Jim Greenwald**, a friendship that has endured over many years. They all enjoyed last year's reunion. **Lynne Wechsler Mogilensky** informs us that after 20 years working as a sign language interpreter, mostly in the public schools, she earned a master's degree in library science from the U. of Maryland. She loves introducing her students to serious research and the joys of fiction. Lynne and husband **Judah '72**, ME '73, are blessed with three children and two grandchildren. Please keep sending us your e-mail updates. ■ **Helen Bendix**, hbendix@verizon.net; **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu; **Jack Jay Wind**, jjw@mwlawfirm.com.

75 It's in the 40s as I write this in Orlando, and tomorrow morning it will be in the teens or 20s. I'm not complaining, as it is a nice change, but I definitely will be covering plants and palm trees tonight. And following the weather, now the news. **Stephanie Adler** Ben-Yaish's daughter Gabrielle was one of the many talented high school students who attended the 2010 Cornell Summer College Program. Also at Cornell this summer, at CAU, were **Carl Accettura** (tennis); **Fran Rosenberg** Cogen (filmmakers); and **Michael Connor** and **Marie Welborn** (creative nonfiction). I came with my family and took the weeklong course on Obama taught by **Glenn Altschuler**, PhD '76, and Joel Silbey, a huge treat. Naturally, they predicted the November election results to a "T." If you've never done CAU, you are really missing out. It is well described as "summer camp for adults." And the kids, teenagers on down, LOVE it.

When **Geoffrey Gyrisco** (Madison, WI) is not working as a realtor, specializing in distinctive and historic property with Keller Williams Realty, he is playing ice hockey. Geoffrey most remembers from his time at Cornell "the compelling beauty of the campus." **Harry Solomon** has been named a 2010 recipient of the "Kite and Key" award from the National Electrical Manufacturers Assn., in recognition of his significant contributions to establishing standards for medical imaging.

Fred Schneider, Computer Science prof at Cornell, testified before a House subcommittee on science and technology about the need for increased cyber-security. Fred (fbs2@cornell.edu) serves on the Dept. of Commerce Information Security and Privacy Advisory Board and co-chairs Microsoft's external advisory board on trustworthy computing. **Jerald Pinto** (geraldpinto@yahoo.com) lives in Charlottesville, VA, with wife Rosemarie, and is co-editor of *Investments: Principles of Portfolio and Equity Analysis*, published by Wiley in Feb. '11. **Mike Rosepiller**, ME '76 (Matthews, NC; Michael.Rosepiller@bp.com) is getting ready to retire after 32 years at BP/Amoco. Mike bought a new home in Charlotte, NC, is enjoying the outdoors, and is looking forward to more time for running, cycling, and taking a few courses at the local colleges. **Norman Cohen** (Suffern, NY; cohennh@gmail.com) "works and plays" at Google in NYC. He and wife Dianne were scheduled to go to Israel last fall for the marriage of their daughter **Ilana '05** to Yoav Hachoen.

Donald K.T. Li (dr2318@hotmail.com) has been re-elected president of the World Org. of Family Doctors, Asia Pacific Region. Donald is still active as steward of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, with two horses in training, and was re-elected to the Cornell Council. **Chris Larson** Danoff (Newport Beach, CA; mrseddandoff@hotmail.com) recently switched back to the FDIC, where she worked in the '80s and '90s. She reports that her working conditions are "greatly improved." **Joanne Bicknese**, DVM '78 (Cream Ridge, NJ; locustwoodfarm@optonline.net) says her Boer goat business continues to grow. She had the highest-selling junior buck at the 2010 Pennsylvania Livestock Evaluation Buck Sale and the highest-selling goat at the 2010 Keystone Goat Producers Association Sale.

Andrew Abramson, MCE '77 (Clifton, NJ; aabramson@valuecompanies.com) has co-founded the Cure Breast Cancer Foundation to fund the research of Dr. Larry Norton of Memorial Sloan-Kettering on the theory of breast cancer "self-seeding." **Peter Porpiglia** (Putnam Valley, NY; pjp218@gmail.com) recently started as Global Head of Product Development for Arysta LifeScience in Norwalk, CT. **Abby Nash** (eeabby@gmail.com) is running Epicurian Excursions, culinary wine tours

of the Finger Lakes, with **Celia Littauer** Clement '77. **Jeffrey Roberts** (Peterborough, NH; www.chiromassage@choiceonemail.com) is planning to move to Florida to be near his mother, **Margorie Mayer Roberts** '49, write a book on mind/body/stress reduction, and also to teach and lecture. **Dorothy Alderman** Dennett (Fletcher, NC; dorothydennett@gmail.com) is "retired but not inactive!" She and husband Francis have assisted the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity, and raised funds through their church for donations to various food programs and Doctors Without Borders. Their travels have taken them to Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Germany, and Luxembourg, and visits to family in Florida and Massachusetts. This spring they are going to Spain and Morocco. Dorothy notes in closing, "We are grateful for our careers, education, and the many wonderful people we have met along this journey."

Sundance Etienne Latour Genore Hughes (formerly **Steven**) **Sheppard**, BFA '75, is an artist in Naples, FL, with work accepted for display by Florida Int'l U. **Nicholas Korach**, nkorach@lackawanna.wnyric.org, is superintendent of schools of the Lackawanna City School District in Lackawanna, NY.

The family of our late classmate **Andrew "Toby" Schultz**, BS '77, has established a fund in memory of Toby, who died in December 2007. The fund will provide unanticipated "emergency" support for Engineering student project teams. Toby was a beneficiary of the mentoring of Prof. Al George through the multi-faceted educational experiences provided by these teams for Cornell students. Please contact Barbara Batley, Cornell U. College of Engineering, at (607) 255-3895, if you would like to make a gift to the Andrew M. (Toby) Schultz '75 Student Team Fund. Until next time: **Mitch Frank**, MJFgator@gmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com.

76 Greetings! I hope the New Year has brought good things and that this issue finds all of you well. A reminder to mark your calendars now for our 35th Reunion, which brings us back to campus June 9-12.

Arden Handler (Evanston, IL) is a professor of maternal and child health at the U. of Illinois School of Public Health. She is excited to be a part of the launching of the National Children's Study in Cook County, IL. Arden volunteers her time with the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition. **Sheila Collins** left corporate America in 2004. She writes that in 2006, she bought a granite countertop company in Springfield, MO, which she sold in February 2009. In January 2010 Sheila became a partner in NH Group Inc., specialized commodity importers. Currently they sustain, harvest, and import exotic hardwoods from South America. Sheila volunteers some of her time with Ozarks Honor Flight organization, whose goal is to transport our veterans to Washington, DC, so they can visit those memorials dedicated to honor their service.

Bruce Behounek is the senior director of medical affairs at Icon Clinical Research in North Wales, PA. He leads the global cardiovascular therapeutic area group. **Wayne Muromoto** shares that he is a professor of art, digital art, and photography, and is active in classical martial arts and tea ceremony. **Carla Holder** reports that she and Joe Marchelites were married September 2009 in the Hudson Valley, the first marriage for both of them. After a short honeymoon, she moved to join him in the Huntsville, AL, area. She still sings, cantoring at her local church. **Kelly Fellingham** is busy making new friends at Duke U's Center for Living. She still talks with her old friends from Donlon Hall and housemates from Quarry Street.

Philip Worrall sends greetings from Tucson, AZ, where he is still enjoying and doing massage at the Canyon Ranch. He also has private clients. He is looking to partake in an Ayahuasca ceremony, in Tucson,

Honey Business

Todd Hardie '76

When Todd Hardie gets a bee sting, he doesn't mind the pain—he's thankful for the health benefits. Hardie is the owner of Honey Gardens, Inc., which specializes in products made from raw honey and other bee-derived ingredients. He is a proponent of apitherapy, the medicinal application of substances like honey, beeswax, propolis (a resin bees produce from plant material), and even venom.

When Hardie was twelve, he and his brother began keeping a beehive and were fascinated by how much the honey-making, pollinating insects benefited humans. "Bees do very important work," he says, "and I wanted to be part of it." After studying entomology and agricultural sciences at Cornell, Hardie worked for commercial beekeepers around the Finger Lakes and as a state apiary inspector. In the late Seventies he began his own commercial beekeeping operation, which eventually grew to 1,900 beehives in New York and Vermont.

Hardie's business has since shifted away from beekeeping and toward the production and marketing of his products, which are sold in stores across the U.S. and can be purchased online at www.honeygardens.com. Beekeepers in Vermont's Champlain Valley provide the raw ingredients for Hardie's apitherapy products—which include elderberry syrup for colds and flu, propolis spray for cuts, and raw honey for digestive system support—as well as the honey wine he produces at his distillery, Caledonia Spirits. Hardie is currently researching the medicinal potential of bee venom, which he says aids the immune system. "If you're not allergic," he says, "bee venom is one of the healthiest things you can put into your body."

— Marc Campasano '11



if anyone knows of one. **Stephanie Mann Nealer** (Bethesda, MD) had been visiting colleges with daughter Erin, a high school senior. Stephanie gets together with **Mary Ann Steele** Van Duyn, **Diane Laufman**, **DeeDee Dain**, and **Lori Keenan** for monthly dinners. She writes that she used her Chinese studies/language all through her career as a Voice of America reporter and when living and working in China. She is very active in the parent association at her daughter's school, Holton-Arms, and is also on the board at Adventure Theatre, a professional nonprofit theatre for children in Glen Echo, MD. She also helps serve once a month at Bethesda Cares, a lunch program for underserved people in the area.

Paula Mydlenski (Treasure Island, FL) works with Head Start programs that serve migrant farm workers' children. **Pamela Coulter** Mason and husband Mike visited her former roommate **Peggy Myers** and husband Tim Onofryon at their Phoenix home. They took them to the Grand Canyon, where they all had a great time. **Sue Furry-Irish** lives in Shelburne, VT, with husband **Paul Irish '75**. She is a library media specialist in a rural elementary school in the foothills of Vermont's Green Mountains. She visits Cornell as often as possible to catch son **Brad Irish '11** perform with the Glee Club and Hangovers. Sue organized a statewide conference of teachers, school librarians, and school technology specialists. **Maureen McHale** (Kirksville, MO) teaches biology at Truman State U. Last year, she mentored a student who designed and taught an interdisciplinary course called Ethics of Food. It was part of a program they have that encourages/empowers students to develop student-initiated courses. Maureen writes that **Verne Rockcastle, PhD '55's** course on teaching with the physical environment, and **Richard Fischer, PhD '53's** Field Natural History continue to play a part in her life, as they got her started on a more serious interest in photography, which she finds both relaxing and helpful in various projects at work.

Michele Brand Medwin and husband **Steve** had a very busy May. Their son Dan and his wife, Lydia, were ordained as rabbis, and their daughter Rachel graduated from the U. of Maryland law school. Michele is a rabbi at Temple Shalom in Monticello, NY, and works as a spiritual advisor for Jewish students at a therapeutic boarding school. Steve is the manager of systems and advanced engineering at Raymond Corp. in Greene, NY. A couple of our classmates participated in CAU's on-campus programs last summer: **Alice Mascette** attended the Choral Workshop, and **Suzanne Mellen** took part in both Kayaking and Wilderness Women.

That's all I have for now. Please stay in touch! **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@gmail.com; **Pat Relf** Hanavan, Relf@tds.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net.

77 Winter is blowing into Portland, OR, as I write this column in early December. The holiday season is almost upon us, and we all can be pleased and proud about the numerous and varied volunteer activities of our fellow Cornell classmates.

Michael L. Thompson (mthompson@fairoaksfarms.com) serves on boards of United Cerebral Palsy and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicago. Mike is the owner, president, and CEO of Fair Oaks Farms, which provides ready-to-eat food products for some of the world's best known brands. Mike previously was a senior officer for McDonald's Corp.

for nearly 20 years. At Cornell, Business Law was one of Mike's favorite courses, but he writes that the Cornell basketball team provided the most useful leadership lessons. Mike is married to **Michele (Topping) '74**; he reports that she and their three children are all doing well. **Mike Nolan** is a member of the board of directors of the Deafness Research Foundation (and has been for more than six years). On the Foundation, Mike heads the audit committee and sits on the development, finance, and executive committees. Mike and his wife are now empty-nesters, since his son left for Juniata College in Pennsylvania. They took a ten-day bicycle trip through Tuscany. Mike was working at Bear Stearns when JP Morgan bought the company and now services high- and ultra-high net worth individuals and hedge fund clients at JP Morgan Securities. Mike reports that in his spare time he is playing more squash in the winter and that he admires the fantastic coaching team at Cornell. **Bruce Schafer**, MBA '79, volunteers at Morrow Memorial Church, Habitat for Humanity, a Sept. 11 victims memorial, and a food bank, among others. When not volunteering, Bruce works at Morgan Stanley, with responsibility for business operations continuity. Bruce wishes he had taken Cornell classes in American Art, Roman History, and 19th Century Literature and says he could have done without Calculus I.

Ralph Spence Jr. (Billings, MT; ralphspence@gmail.com) spends all his time on humanitarian endeavors. He is president of the Amani for Africa USA Foundation (www.amanicare.org). The Foundation works in rural central Tanzania on projects involving water resources, agriculture and forestry development, education, health, and nutrition. Ralph writes that his Cornell Communication courses still are helpful in his work. **Patricia Boyce Lopez** (Surfside, FL; plfpalm@aol.com) spends considerable time helping the aged, as well as our four-legged friends. Patricia has been coordinating the opening of a new wellness center at the independent living facility Classic Residence. While directing resident care and educational programs, Patricia also writes a "Dear Patty" column for the monthly newsletter. Patricia found her nursing degree fundamental for her professional endeavors. In her spare time, she volunteers with animal rights groups and promotes better care and adoption of bulldogs. Patricia writes that she is going to stay in Surfside, FL, six blocks from the ocean, for the rest of her life.

Some of our classmates spend some of their spare hours volunteering in support of our Alma Mater. **Camille D'Annunzio-Szymczak** (North Potomac, MD; dannunzio1@comcast.net) is involved with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors Network and volunteers with local public schools and the Girl Scouts. She visits Cornell regularly, as her daughter is in the Arts college (Class of 2012); Camille supported the swim team, on which her daughter swam varsity during her first two years. **Robert Slocum** (Dryden, NY; rslocum@tompkins-co.org) is treasurer of the Cornell Alumni Association of the Ithaca area, as well as being a longtime member of the Dryden Kiwanis Club and president of the Dryden Town Softball League. Robert works with the Tompkins County Office of the Aging. He writes that he would like to hear from **Steve Davis '78**.

Lalana Janlekha Green (Shaker Heights, OH; ljg77@cornell.edu) and husband **Robert** volunteer with Cornell and musical organizations. Lalana is on the women's committee of the board of the Cleveland Inst. of Music, where all three of

their children took music lessons. Bob sings with the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus and is on the board of the Cleveland Boys Choir. She and Bob also are Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassadors and attend Cornell Club events in Cleveland. Lalana writes that her family has celebrated many graduations for her daughters recently: Alexandra graduated from Laurel School in Shaker Heights, OH, and now studies engineering at Princeton; Rachel graduated from Harvard; and Marisa (Harvard '04, Yale MM '06) is completing a dissertation for her DMA in orchestral conducting from Louisiana State U. Lalana is still in touch with friends from the Int'l Living Center at Cornell and Alpha Delta Phi. She writes that she has been in Cleveland for 24 years and loves it.

Our classmates continue the proud tradition of having their children attend Cornell. **Russ** and **Audrey Cohen Elliot** (Endicott, NY) report that their son **Mark '07**, ME '10, earned his master's in Systems Engineering. Grandparents Lucille and **Leonard Cohen '47** attended the graduation. Audrey has been extremely busy sorting out all the celebrations this year—vacations in St. Thomas, son Mark's graduation, daughter Debbie's wedding, and Russ's new job (see below)—and arranging for a move to Boston, in addition to running a successful Amazon.com small business and contributing as co-editor-in-chief to the musical review website www.musicdiscoveries.com. **Cara Lebowitz** Kagan (Dix Hills, NY; clk816@aol.com) reports that her children—**Erica '05**, **Michelle**, and **Joel '99**—are all doing well. Kara and husband Leonard enjoyed a wonderful trip to Istanbul, the Greek Islands, and Athens and are thoroughly enjoying their 18-month-old granddaughter Juliet. **Martha Sokol** McCarty (Mamaroneck, NY; msmccarty@aol.com) is an attorney and reports visiting Ithaca regularly to see son **Mike '14** (Engineering) and daughter **Joanna 'GR** at the Law School.

I'd like to close this column with a "He did WHAT?!" story. Perhaps some of you have been contemplating what you are going to do in this next phase of your lives. We really are too young to retire, aren't we? Russ Elliot, mentioned above, went to Harvard Business School in Cambridge, MA, for two months in the spring for the advanced management program and reports that it was a fabulous, life-changing experience. Two months after he returned home, Russ retired from Lockheed Martin after more than 33 years and joined the Israeli-owned Plasan USA, as vice president of programs and technology. Russ will officially start his new job in early February and relocate from Endicott, NY, to the greater Boston area.

Best of luck to you, Russ, and to any other classmates who have embarked on new adventures recently. Do write and tell us about them. You can send news via e-mail, snail mail, or the Class of 1977 website: <http://classof77.alumni.cornell.edu/>. **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com; and **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu.

78 Interviewing prospective students as part of the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAN) always has me reliving my days on the Hill, recounting the many reasons why it's such a terrific place to go to school. The one to which I consistently return, however, is the diversity. No matter what else may have changed on campus since "back in the day," the amazing variety of people, opinions, activities, and educational

interests at Cornell will always remain a constant. As Vice President for University Relations **Glenn Altschuler, PhD '76**, put it during the 2010 Cornell Alumni Leadership Conference, "The best education is one where diverse people live with each other and learn from each other." The diversity we all experienced lives on today, as evidenced by the professions, passions, and pursuits of our multi-talented classmates.

Mark Holtzapple, a professor of chemical engineering at Texas A&M U., is very involved in commercializing energy technologies. Using naturally occurring microorganisms found in cattle rumen and swamps, he converts waste (e.g., municipal solid waste, sewage sludge, manure, agricultural residues) to industrial chemicals and fuels, such as gasoline and jet fuel (see *Terrabon.com*). He is also developing a high-efficiency engine that has the potential to double or triple the fuel economy of automobiles (see *StarRotor.com*). **Laura Howes** completed a year as interim director of the Marco Inst. for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, an interdisciplinary institute she helped found in 2001 at the U. of Tennessee. She also published, with Marie Borroff (professor emerita, Yale), the Norton Critical Edition of *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. As part of the process, she was thrilled to read the founding prospectus for the series, written by M. H. Abrams—with whom she studied—which is still sent to editors as a guideline. Laura has been in touch with **Stephen Cushman**, the Robert C. Taylor Professor of English at the U. of Virginia. She wrote entries for the fourth edition of *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Poetry and Poetics*, which Stephen is editing.

After 38 years of service to the US Senate, **Michael Johnson** celebrated his retirement as Deputy Assistant Sergeant at Arms. The first senior executive in the Senate to be appointed to the post, he worked with senior representatives from the White House, House of Representatives, US Capitol Police, Architect of the Capitol, and Dept. of Homeland Security to ensure that the Senate could conduct business despite any circumstances or emergencies that might arise. A private sector position as vice president of business development for VariQue Corp. in Washington, DC, is the next step for Michael, who says he's proud to be a Cornell alumnus. **Dave Guevara** has joined Gartner as a research director covering enterprise architecture. He is focusing on business alignment of IT through the use of the Gartner Solution Viewpoint. "This move to Gartner is right in line with my career goals to start writing more and in so doing help others to learn from the hard lessons of leading large technology investments and being an entrepreneur in high tech." Dave was recently the chief architect and practice manager for IT Strategies and EA at CIBER.

It has been a "trying" few years professionally for **Tom Farrell**, who straddles the worlds of banking and home development as head of the home builder division for Bank of America Merrill Lynch. He lives in Newport Beach, CA, with his wife, Kristy, but was back on campus last fall attending the Cornell Real Estate Council annual meeting, as well as the Homecoming match against Yale. Their three children, Erin, Ainsley, and Ian, attend Northeastern, the U. of Oregon, and NYU, respectively. Tom hopes to win the lotto to pay all the tuition!

Aside from his job as VP of marketing for High Concrete Group, **Gary Graziano**, BArch '79, was re-elected chairman of the board of the United

Disabilities Services Foundation, a Lancaster, PA-based nonprofit providing home care-related products and services and day programs and care resource guidance for people with disabilities. He was also re-elected president of his local library board and oversaw fundraising and construction of a new, 20,000-sq.-ft. library. He has completed his term as immediate past president of the Mid-Atlantic Precast Association. Gary and wife Nan hosted a CAAAN Class of '14 accepted students send-off for new Cornellians from south central Pennsylvania and made several trips to Ithaca to visit their daughter **Liza '13**, who worked as a sports camp counselor and research lab assistant at Cornell last summer. The high school-aged children of several other classmates were also involved in programs on campus last summer. **Candace Warner** Herring's daughter Megan, **Steven '79** and **Rena Fox Klosk's** daughter Julia, and **Debra Hyman** Rathauer's son Benjamin all attended the 2010 Summer College Program.

Sandra Darrow Falcone finished a 19-year stint of homeschooling her five children, who are all officially "launched" as adults. The youngest three completed a ten-week mission trip to Africa, where they helped out in a school in western Kenya that their church started in 2004, and visited a friend who trains pastors and runs a farm in Tanzania to provide food for the Bible school and its students. Sandra was appointed as a representative to the NYS Farm Bureau membership board and invites all NYS Aggies to join! **Steve Friedberg** is headed back to Ethiopia in February for a second time to help provide seminary training for church leaders. **Barbara "Bija" Gutoff** (bija@gutoff.com) has been working for the nonprofit Mercy Corps for four years as a senior writer/editor, using stories to help people understand and care about the needs of people in the world's toughest countries. Life in Portland, OR, she says, is great; she invites classmates to drop her a line or come for a visit!

Lesley Gudehus has been promoted to assistant vice president of communications and marketing for institutional advancement at Drexel U. in Philadelphia. She has been living in Philadelphia and working at Drexel for about two years. Diane Guzy wrote that her husband, **Peter Guzy** (pguzy@asfourguzy.com), has completed a new spa building at the Woodstock Inn in Woodstock, VT. A "modern and fabulous" structure, it took a few years to complete and is what Diane calls a real gift to the Inn and the area. With his son Dave a sophomore at Syracuse, **Gary Holcomb** has had reason to bring his wife, Julie, to Upstate New York, and to Ithaca specifically. He marveled at all the new buildings on campus while his daughter Mary chuckled at his stories of trudging up (or sliding down) Libe Slope in the snow and ice at all hours of the day and night.

Jeffrey Holker is enjoying life's simpler pleasures after getting in on the ground floor of a software company that was acquired by IBM. He spends time kayaking, canoeing, and hiking at his lake home in Ely, MN, climbing in Glacier National Park, distance running, biking, and nurturing a growing photography hobby—not to mention his daughter, 16! Jeff still coaches and plays soccer, as well as a bit of hockey, and was part of the US National Bandy Team. With a background in engineering, Jeff's considering a second career as a high school math or science teacher. He also volunteers with an organization that helps young people in the court system get their lives back on track—a commitment spurred by a 25-year

mentoring relationship with a boy who's now a successful high school teacher. If **Bob Eads**, BS Ag '81, **John Plunkett '77**, **Sharon Rothschild** Silver, or **Clay Hines '79**, MS '80, are reading this, Jeff would love to hear from you.

Let us all hear from you about what's new. Send updates—large and small—to me or Cindy. **Ilene Shub** Lefland, ilefland@snet.net; **Cindy Fuller**, cindy@cindyjfuller.com.

79 I look forward to my turn in the correspondent rotation every year because it gives me the opportunity to reflect on how diverse and interesting our lives have become in the last 30 years. We are all busily engaged in our professional lives, our children's activities, and our volunteer commitments. It is a pleasure to hear about these and summarize them for the rest of our class.

In recent news, **Stephanie Jacqueney** (Stephanie.Jacqueney@thegarden.com) writes that she and husband Mark Edelstein live in Manhattan, where she works full-time at Madison Square Garden. They keep busy with the school and social activities of their triplets, 9, including volunteer work at their synagogue directed at feeding the homeless and working with homeless children. Stephanie is hopeful that her efforts to involve the entire family in these efforts will teach the children the importance of giving back to help improve the world in which they live. **Jeff Berg**, ME '80, MBA '81, is also active in his synagogue, where, in October 2010, he chaired the annual auction and dinner to raise money for temple programs. During the same month he also had the opportunity to visit with **Brad** and **Mary Maxon Grainger**, MPS '87, **Jeff Weiss**, **Mary Wilensky** Kahn, and **Jane Kornfeld** Bessin on the Hill. He looks forward to spending November through May in Arizona and welcomes friends to stop by for a visit.

Marcy Wachtel (New York, NY; MWachtel@KatskyKorins.com) is a member of the board of directors of the Rosner Foundation. She and **Gary Horowitz '78** enjoy visiting their daughter **Allison Hartel '13** at the AXO sorority house at Cornell. Organizing and coaching a girls' softball league in NYC and the Bronx is one of the activities that occupies **Deborah Klee** Kling (Debbie KleeKling@aol.com). She is also the president of the West Side Little League, one of the largest Little Leagues in the state. Debbie finds that her nursing background is an invaluable asset in her role as a parent and volunteer organizer. **David Scheer** (Fishkill, NY; davidstuartscheer@mac.com) hosted a mini-30th Reunion last summer and rekindled friendships from freshman and sophomore years in Donlon and High Rise 1. Attending the party were **Sherrie Zweig** Vinegar, **Sandy Rockefeller** Fey, **David Medford '80**, **Ellen Schechter '78**, and **Judah Kraushaar**, MBA '80, and their spouses. The group looks forward to spending more time together this year in NYC dining out, going to the theatre, and spending time at David's NYC apartment. When he is not socializing, David is a physician who specializes in diseases and surgery of the eye.

Shari Watchman-Kates (Colts Neck, NJ; LadyLawyerShari@aol.com) is the co-president of CAAAN in Monmouth and Ocean counties in New Jersey. This fall she and husband **Eric Kates '78**, DVM '81, hosted a Cornell alumni event at their home; guest speaker **Corey Earle '07** from Alumni Affairs spoke on the history of the university. In their professional lives, Shari practices family

law and Eric is an equine veterinarian. The Kateses have two sons and a daughter at various stages in their academic careers: **Alex '09** graduated from the Ag college, Mitchell is a sophomore at MIT, and Jackie was accepted to the Wharton School at the U. of Pennsylvania for matriculation in 2011. Jackie has also committed to play basketball for Penn. Shari and Eric felt like traitors as they purchased Penn gear at the bookstore to wear at future basketball games.

Craig Davis writes that he is an associate at the firm of Lockridge, Grindal, Nauen PLLP in Minneapolis, MN. He practices class-action litigation with a focus on antitrust and consumer product liability. **Debbie Webster Davidson** (deeltittlebee@yahoo.com) is embarking on a new career path as she studies to become a registered nurse in Bowie, MD. She is pleased to report that she has made dean's list each semester and has been elected to Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society for two-year schools. She is also active in her church as a lay speaker, choir member, and member of several committees. As a result of her choir participation, she had the privilege of participating in an ecumenical choir event at the beautiful Naval Academy Chapel. Debbie and husband **Gregory** split their spare time between their condo in Myrtle Beach and her children in Massachusetts. Debbie's son, Alex Whitmore, is a senior at UMass, Amherst; daughter Meredith Whitmore is an adjunct professor of English at UMass, Lowell and Middlesex Community College.

Maryland is also home to **Mark LaVorgna**, MS '82 (mark.lavorgna@alpha.com), the global director of technical service for Alpha Animal Health. His company specializes in the development, registration, manufacturing, and marketing of a broad range of pharmaceutical and nutritional products for food-producing animals. Because Alpha markets products in more than 80 countries worldwide, Mark's position requires extensive domestic and international travel. When not on the road, Mark and wife **Laurel (Chin) '80** make their home in Salisbury, where Alpha is also located. Mark writes that he would love to hear from **Bob DeSena**. **Dan Mansoor** traveled this past summer to Cornell (named for Ezra), WI. You can read about his "Land Grant" discoveries at www.cornellpines.blogspot.com.

Dennis Conway (DPConway@Valdosta.edu) writes that he left Pennsylvania a year ago and now teaches media production at Valdosta State U. in Valdosta, GA. He has also published two articles in Broadcast Education Association (BEA) journals and has been appointed head of the writing division of the BEA. Before leaving Pennsylvania, he also worked part-time for the United Way. Across the country in Spokane, WA, **Cindy Hahn** continues to work in her private neurosurgery practice. In her spare time she enjoys riding, hunting, and jumping horses, bicycling, cross country skiing, and mountain climbing. These activities were put on hold this summer as she recuperated from knee surgery, but now she is back on her feet and doing well.

Further south in Napa, CA, **John Wilkinson** has expanded his Bin to Bottle Winery by adding a 25,000-barrel storage facility and another 20,000-barrel warehouse. He is making ultra-premium wine from more than 2,500 tons of grapes for 70 clients. He is still active coaching lacrosse, as his three children all excel at the sport. He is happy to say that he uses many of the things that he learned at the Hotel school on a daily basis. Also living in Northern California, **C. Robert**

Mateus (bob.mateus@Sandisk.com) writes that he enjoys drumming and playing in racquetball tournaments. He is also busy following the school and sports activities of his daughters Elena, 12, and Veronica, 14. He remembers fondly his Cornell experiences in Pike fraternity and Cornell tennis, squash, and lacrosse. He would love to reconnect with **Sewall Hodges '78**, with whom he played varsity squash from 1976 to 1978.

outside of Atlanta. McKesson provides delivery and technology solutions to the healthcare industry. Big Red hockey, football, and Navy ROTC are among Bruce's fondest memories.

Of all our classmates, it is most likely that **William Patterson** has been through the desert on a horse with no name. He is a veterinarian specializing in high performance sport horses worldwide. No doubt inspired by a Lynyrd Skynyrd 1977

‘I can’t listen to “Ramblin’ Man” without a Cornell Dining flashback.’

Dana Jerrard '80

Please continue to keep in touch with us so that we can inform classmates about your news. There is sure to be a classmate who would love to hear what is going on in your life. You can submit news to us throughout the year at class of79@cornell.edu, or directly to: **Kathy Zapia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net; **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com; and **Linda Moses**, mosesgurevitch@aol.com.

80 While recently scanning the iTunes Store's "Top 10 Downloads" list my heart skipped a beat. There it was at Number 7. . . "Just the Way You Are." Could it be that Generation Y was coming to its musical senses and embracing Billy Joel's 1977 hit, a song that was used countless times by me and my housemates to get free meals at Alpha Phi? Alas (and most likely alack), this was a tune independent of Joel's masterpiece; it turned out to be an OK contemporary ballad by a guy named Bruno Mars. This reminiscence did, however, allow me to think about the music that was ringing throughout the campus when we were at Cornell. I can't listen to the Allman Brothers' "Ramblin' Man" without a Cornell Dining flashback. Most, if not all, West Campus residents in 1976-77 can to this day tell you the exact point in that song where the Noyes Center jukebox record skipped into a continuous, maddening loop. Many of the loudest cheers on campus that year were the results of cranky coeds hip-checking the jukebox, sending it careening from the Allman guitar solo to Foreigner's "Cold As Ice." Now THAT was music!

Before listing the reasons why "Boogie Oogie" was the greatest song ever written, I will get off my musical soapbox to let you know about some classmates who are still crazy after all these years. **Louis Petruzzelli** is director of finance at Mohonk Mountain House, a resort and spa just north of NYC. He is looking to expand his network with Cornell Hotelies. Hoping to get a marketing consulting gig at MMH, I suggested the following tag line: "Mohonk Mountain House . . . You can check out any time you like, but you can never leave." Strangely, my calls have not been returned.

Mike Pliss is likely still able to hear some of the echoes of our musical past. He is director of technology for the Ithaca City School District. Mike is a trustee of the Hangar Theatre, a Rotarian, and regular jogger in Sapsucker Woods, remembering Uris Library study sessions with his "peeps" as he navigates the trail. **Bruce Haupt** is national VP of McKesson Provider Technologies

classic, Bill formed a consortium to generate bio-fuel from manure and wood waste in south Florida. His Hill memories include catching smelt in the spring (ooh, that smelt!). **Nanette Cooper-McGuinness** teaches voice to lyric sopranos; her clients include opera singers. Nanette is also an accomplished soloist, performing new works by composers including Daniel Felsenfeld and the eclectic Mark Alburger. Do you suppose listening to Barry Gibb during the late '70s piqued Nanette's interest in the soprano voice? Nanette and her best Cornell friend **David McGuinness '79** will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on May 24.

If you're going to catch a wave for the first time, what better place than Hawaii? **Mike McAlister** recently took time off from his duties as medical management coordinator at Regence Blue Shield in Seattle to do just that. Mike balances his work life with Tai Chi, yoga, meditation, and biking. Yoga is also a hobby of **Joyce Rosen**, product manager at the Depository Trust and Clearing Corp. in Manhattan. Joyce is an expert in lampworking, which is a technique for creating objects out of glass. One wonders if Joyce has ever made a heart of glass in her studio.

From the minimalist file, **Myra Boenke** had solar photovoltaic panels installed on her roof last December. In an unrelated point to ponder, if Elvis Costello got a lead role in the musical "Mamma Mia," would they have to change the name of the show to Abba and Costello? You will read no jokes from me about **Roy Apseloff**. He and son Nick are serious weightlifters, and Nick holds world records in the bench press. Roy is deputy chief information officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency. His fond campus memories include the spectacle that was the Phi Psi 500, as well as Slope Day, a spectacle that continues to this day.

Have you ever seen the rain? If not, might I suggest a visit to ophthalmic surgeon **Mark Steckel**, who has a practice in Fairfield, CT. Mark's older daughter is a freshman at Brown, so he takes every opportunity to see Big Red athletics in Providence. After the 2009 Cornell basketball game at Brown, Mark cajoled his daughter, 14, into getting autographs from Red hoop legends **Ryan Wittman '10** and **Jon Jaques '10**. "Maybe she'll consider Cornell," writes proud papa. One could call **Mark Storer** an electric light orchestrator. He is VP and GM of Balance Energy, a clean power distributor in San Diego. His after-hours activities include quality family time plus work as a program leader for the Adventure Guides father-son program. Mark is grateful for the deep personal lifetime relationships forged at Cornell.

And lastly, **Nayla Rizk** is doing well in Northern California where she's been for 20-plus years. She is a partner at executive search firm Spencer Stuart, focused on Silicon Valley companies. Nayla's fiancé, Bob Tarjan, is a Princeton U. computer science professor who also works out in Silicon Valley, which makes the cross-country relationship feasible. Last August Nayla, **George Stromeyer '80**, and **Pedro Robert '79**, MS '81, took a wonderful one-week trip down the Colorado River in the Grand Canyon on dories (wooden boats) with their families. They survived the rapids, though

whose daughter **Rena '14** is also a freshman. Celia and **Monique Van Perlstein** used it for a reunion planning trip to check up on Alexander and Monique's son **Ben '13**, a student in Engineering. If you don't have a Facebook account yet, sign up and join our class site: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=10986124742>.

Celia and husband **Peter Cooper '80** also heard from **Christopher Garcia**, MBA '82, JD '90. He previously served as a commander for Cornell ROTC, retired from a military career in 2007 as a colonel in the Army Judge Advocate General

Sherman Arkin is a senior consultant in organizational effectiveness for the Cleveland Clinic. She is a learning council mentor for her temple. Husband **Mike '80**, BEE '78, ME '80, has been a chief technical officer for Pubco since 1989. Daughter Monica is waiting to hear from colleges. Scott, in ninth grade, enjoys robotics, math, science (like his dad, "Wizard"), as well as football and lacrosse.

Happy the recession is dwindling, **Russ Urban** is in charge of investing HEI Hotels' funds. During travel, he has seen Hotelies **Thomas McConnell, MPS '01**, **Robert Stiles '83**, **Phil Miller '83**, **Mike Mellor '79**, **Joel Lavin '75**, **Lee Pillsbury '69**, **Ronald Muzi '83**, **Michael Medzigian '82**, **Simon Turner '83**, and **Patrick Deming '91**. Russ is singing again, with the Fairfield County Chorale. His wife, **Catherine (Evans) '78**, MPS '81, manages the household and their Martha's Vineyard summer home rentals, takes care of aging parents, plays competitive tennis, and assists the New Canaan High School Drama Dept. Their oldest, **Evan Hurd '03** (Hotel), works for Cornerstone Real Estate acquiring properties. Son Tyler, 26, runs the finances for several music labels at Universal Music in Hollywood, CA, and son Chase, 17, applied early decision to the Hotel school, with alternate interest in Boston U. and the U. of Denver. Their youngest, Emma, 15, is the family's drama queen with roles in the high school's drama program and a paid gig in a summer Shakespeare program on Martha's Vineyard.

Miranda Mortlock (mym@tpg.com.au), a former Ag exchange student from the Int'l Living Center, wrote from Bellbowrie, Australia. She transferred to the U. of Queensland from a government position and works with schools with science and statistics. She travels with husband Peter Baker. She hopes to connect with **Ernie DeMarie '79**, MAT '81, PhD '91, and **Yip-Fong Chia, MS '85**, and others from the ILC. **Nancy Darling**, PhD '90, is a professor of physiology at Oberlin College; she has completed a study of parent-adolescent community and lying in Chile, the Philippines, and the US. She works with researchers in Northern Europe and Africa focusing on parent-child communication, romantic relationships, and sexuality, as well as violence and sexually transmitted disease prevention in sub-Saharan Africa, Uganda, Tanzania, and South Africa.

Brad Pollak (brad@bradpollak.com) still resides in Long Beach, CA, with his wife, Andrea, and sons Dylan and Holden. Brad started his own marketing consultancy, Brad Pollak Co. (www.bradpollak.com). "After 25 years as a marketing executive, I wanted to branch out on my own with the purpose of helping individuals market themselves." Brad helps small business owners, professionals, and students improve their marketing and interviewing skills and position themselves better on the job market. He still enjoys playing piano and wishes he had "even 1 percent of Oscar Peterson's talent."

David Barringer left the high-tech world of Silicon Valley, became a ski instructor at Mt. Hood Meadows, OR, and, with wife Jody, started Naked Winery, an hour away from the airport. They welcome Cornellians on the slopes or in their tasting room in Hood River. **Mary Machamer** writes from Toronto where she is a physician and enjoys raising her daughter Annabelle, 10, with husband George (Queens U. '81). She enjoys relaxing with family, teaching church school, or visiting the grandparents.

For upcoming 30th Reunion happenings and class news, go to <http://classof81.alumni.cornell.edu>.

'Amy Selwyn and Celia Rodee treat Facebook as a culinary blog.'

Jennifer Read Campbell '81

Nayla's boat did turn over on Day 1. "Don't rock the boat, baby," was the call of the day. George and his family just moved back to California after many years in Belgium; he has a new job at Cisco Systems. Pedro's oldest son, **Nico '14**, is an Engineering student; Nayla's youngest, Andrew, is a freshman at Princeton and on the varsity lacrosse team. George's oldest, Christopher, is a freshman at Georgetown. At least one of their progeny saw the light and made it back to Ithaca this past fall!

It's time for your scribe to fly like an eagle. You social networking types are encouraged to join the Cornell Class of 1980 group on Facebook, bookmark our class website (<http://classof80.alumni.cornell.edu>), and also remember the Cornell Alumni Web page, <http://alumni.cornell.edu>. If you are unable to accomplish all of this stuff, don't be sad . . . 'cause two out of three ain't bad. **Dana Jerrard**, dej24 @ cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28 @ cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky @ aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25 @ cornell.edu.

81 Our 30th Reunion is June 9-12! With a class campaign goal of \$2.5 million, gifts can be made between now and June 30, 2011 to any part of the university. Campaign leaders are **Michael Troy** and **Jessica Pearlstein Zachs**.

Kevin Rooney moved to Albany two weeks after graduation and has worked ever since for the New York State government. He and his wife of 25 years, Nancy, are empty-nesters. Their son is in his third year at Geneseo State, and their daughter is a parachute rigger in the US Army, stationed at Fort Benning, GA. Kevin hasn't been back to Cornell since his first Homecoming, so he hopes to make it to our 30th!

Celia Rodee is gearing up for reunion: though her kids think it is "uncool," she opened up a whole new world with Facebook. She connected with **JoAnn Minsker** Adams and husband Bud and their kids Tyler and Caroline last April, even paying a visit to JoAnn's coffee shop, Bogart's, in Seal Beach, CA. Celia also reconnected with **Kathleen Cullen** Harwood, from Lake Forest, IL. **Amy Selwyn** and Celia treat Facebook as a culinary blog. She and **John Hartman**, from Atlanta, used it while dropping off their freshmen, **Alexander Rodee Cooper '14** and **Kealy Hartman '14**, this past August. They met with **Robin Rosenberg**,

Corps, and completed seminary in May 2010. He celebrated his first Holy Eucharist at Christ Church, Georgetown, in Washington, DC. He and wife **Cheryl (Clarke)**, JD '90, live in Springfield, VA, with their high school-aged kids Elizabeth and Thomas.

Michael Katz, who also has a child at Cornell, is a family physician at Capital Region Family Health Care in East Greenbush, NY. He and wife Linda enjoy cycling, skiing, and hiking. Michael finished winter ascents of all 46 Adirondack high peaks last year. **Lawrence Wang** (LChaoing@aol.com) is a pediatric neurologist in Colorado Springs, where he lives with wife Sherrin. He enjoys exercise, Tai Chi, cooking, and learning Mandarin Chinese. He would love to hear from **Clint Warne**, **Thomas Wanuga**, **Julie Trachman**, **William Leskovec**, and **Yim Chan**. After three years at a local health department, teaching health science at a high school, and working in private practice, **Johanna Albrecht**, MD '85, is a pediatrician at Foundcare Community Health Center in Palm Beach County, FL. She has fond memories of life at Riskey. She has married Julio Cesar Mora. Her son, Malik, is finishing up high school.

An e-mail from **John Chevrette** (Austin, TX) inspired **Cindy High-Fischmann** (Cindy@blackmajikarabians.com) to write from Webster, NY, where she is a director of human resources for Eastman Kodak. She and husband Rob have built a horse business, specializing in black Majik Arabians. They are back in the US after living in Vancouver, Canada, and China. They have visited Dr. **Lesley Kovar** and **Angelina Duke**, who both live in the Seattle, WA, area. Lesley has lots of animals and is a vet there. After being laid off last year and becoming an empty-nester, **Penni Metzidakis** Barnett started her own marketing consulting business. She and husband Alan enjoy singing in the Washington Chorus and play in local chamber groups.

Sisters from SDT and former Bryant Ave. roomies had a reunion at the West Palm Beach home of **Lori Salzman** Kleppe. Present were **Suzi Scarf Merrell**, **Betsy Elwin**, JD '84, **Lori, Linda Essex** Jonas, **Wendy Grolnick**, and **Nancy Amer-Lake**. Nancy comments, "We had fun trying to remember people, places, and events from college! The memories do come back, although we are still struggling with a couple of names!" Nancy lives in Long Beach, NY, and works with the elderly. Having lived in Cleveland, OH, for the past 11 years, **Alison**

edu. See you there! ■ **Jennifer Read** Campbell, ronjencam@aol.com; **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Kathy Philbin** LaShoto, lashoto@rcn.com.

82 It's the tail end of the membership year and the news is sparse, but I am lucky because I get to recount an unusual and exciting Class of '82 romance involving the remarriage of **Patti Rodgers Bishop Fine** (Rocky River, OH)! Patti writes that in June 2008 she married **Scott Fine**. They met in 2007 in Cleveland and discovered they "had graduated from Cornell on the same day back in '82!" They've been enjoying hanging out and cooking with their six kids, ages 17-23, as well as traveling, gardening, and going to concerts. They are in the process of buying a second home in the famous and historical Chautauqua Institution (<http://www.ciweb.org/>), located about halfway between Cleveland and family in Endicott, NY. They "love the academic/neighborhood atmosphere." Patti says, "As a retired teacher, I enjoy volunteering at a small 'neighborhood' school in downtown Cleveland, listening to students practice reading and helping out wherever needed. I most enjoy the relationships formed and being able to make a difference in a child's life." The Fines attended the 25th wedding anniversary party of **Kate Daly '83** (ILR) and **Bob Stelletello '83** (Hotel). Patti would love to hear from **Jennifer Schachner Munck** and **Nader Golestaneh**.

To mark turning 50, **John Ng**, ME '83, and **Chiao Chang** participated in the 2010 Ride the Rockies bike tour in Colorado with 2,000 other bikers. It is a seven-day, 532-mile scenic journey going over some 10,000-plus-ft. mountain passes. Joining them were fellow Sigma Chi Delta fraternity brothers **Phil Lew '85**, ME '87, of Beijing, **King Huang '85**, MBA '87, of New Jersey, and **John Huang**, PhD '87, of Chicago. They also "ran into" (figuratively, I hope) **Zack Neumeyer '80** of Denver on the last day of the ride. King Huang got his picture in the *Denver Post* website: <http://photos.denverpost.com/mediacenter/2010/06/ride-the-rockies-day-6-2/#5>, and Chiao immortalized the event in a video that features lots of breathtaking scenery and breath-sucking bicyclists: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRIy6_T751c. Wow. What dedication. For my 50th birthday, I drank a bottle of good red wine and bought a snow blower—and I was still out of breath.

Mark Dwortzan writes that in September 2009 he began a job as editor/writer for Boston U's College of Engineering. He produces content for the college's alumni magazine, website, and research brochures. Mark lives outside Boston with wife Elise, daughter Yelena, two dogs, and two cats. On the other coast, **Patrick Schmalz** (San Francisco, CA) was hired by the YMCA of San Francisco as controller and also finished several years of volunteer work with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network. He spends time coaching his children and supporting their other activities, as he helps his four sons grow.

Your faithful correspondent **Mark Fernau** still lives in Clinton, MA, and is managing technical editor in the publications department of the American Meteorological Society in downtown Boston. In addition to turning 50, I took my first ever cruise (Boston to Bermuda) with wife **Melissa (Duncan) '83**. We saw forts, beaches, bars, whales, porpoises, drunken people from "Reeve-ah," and other historical and natural wonders both on ship

and ashore. The 50 celebration involved a trip to Citi Field with my brother to watch my beloved, hapless Mets. Another highlight of 2010 was a walk-off triple off the wall to cap a come-from-behind victory in a playoff semi-final in my co-ed rec summer softball league, which led to being sprayed with cheap beer and mobbed by ecstatic teammates. For a middle-aged singles hitter, that one ranked right up there near marriage, birth of kids, etc., as wicked cool life experiences.

I also went back to Cornell last fall for Homecoming with fraternity brother **William Stasiuk '80** and caught up with fellow Lambda Chis **Mark Portera**, **Donald Gitto '80** and wife **Kathryn (Albaugh)**, **Rick Meigs '80** and wife **Pam Lein '81**, **Mark Hallock '79**, **Raymond Yasson '79**, **Denis Barone '79**, and **Joseph Kane '79**. I also entered the empty nest as youngest daughter Gwen, 18, went off to Ithaca College. At least we get to visit town! Son Fletcher, 23, works as an administrative/research assistant for a long-term medical study at a Veterans Administration hospital in the Bronx, NY. Daughter Leanne, 21, is finishing up her senior year at Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, MA.

To avoid having my colleagues tell you in two months about more of my exciting and exotic adventures, send your news to any of us or submit it online (<http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/participate/class-notes.cfm>). We look forward to hearing from you. ■ **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu; **Douglas Skalka**, dskalka@nplmlaw.com; **Steven Crump**, spc25@cornell.edu.

83 By the time you read this we will have made a good start on 2011, but as I write, 2010 is just coming to a close. The news is VERY slim, so keep an eye out for the class's annual News and Dues mailing and send us an update. It's also possible to check in anytime via LinkedIn, Facebook, or e-mail. Your classmates want to know your news—and it's only two years to our 30th Reunion!

Linda Baron (home@studiobaron.net) and husband Thomas Luehrsen make their home in Corte Madera, CA. Linda is the principal and founder of studioBARON Design, an interior design firm, in Larkspur, CA, in Marin County (www.studiobaron.net). Their family includes two girls, two kitties, and one large rescue dog. She tells us, "I love the San Francisco Bay Area. We have it all—good weather, mountains, oceans, great food and wine . . . It's all good." While at Cornell she took a photography class and fell in love with the visual arts, which drove her career path. "Photography and imagery are still my passion." Linda's family is very committed to sustainability in their household, particularly local and seasonal food. Food does not come out of boxes or bags—actually, they do not use or consume bags. Linda would like to hear from **Lynda Kommel Browne**, **Randi Reiss-McCormack**, BFA '83, **Liz Furman**, **Jon Pundyk**, and **Scott Fine '82**.

Geoffrey Williamson, PhD '89 (Chicago, IL; geoffrey.williamson@comcast.net) was recently appointed interim chairman of the Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the Illinois Inst. of Technology, where he has worked since completing his PhD at Cornell in 1989. In his spare time, Geoffrey follows Cornell hockey—he had season tickets every year while a student—and is an active bird watcher. He volunteers with the American Birding Association and serves as president of the Illinois Ornithological Society and the

Chicago Ornithological Society. **Katherine Palmer Antinozzi**, MBA '87 (Shelburne, VT; Kit120.vt@gmail.com) changed jobs in December 2009. "I now sell advertising for a great tourist map of central and northern Vermont called the 'Blue Map.' It almost sells itself between the quality of the map and our distribution." Want your own copy? Contact Katherine if you're coming to Vermont!

We've got some exciting news on the Class of '83 officers front. **Lynn Buffamante** has stepped up to fill one of the vacant vice president positions. Welcome, Lynn, in your new role as VP! Since Lynn has assumed the VP role, this leaves a vacancy for co-class correspondent. If any of you are interested in being a class correspondent and would enjoy reconnecting with classmates and writing the class column, please contact **Alyssa Bickler** (cousinalyssa@yahoo.com), **Lynn Buffamante** (lb325@cornell.edu), or **Adele Robinet** (adr4@cornell.edu) for details. We'd love to hear from you.

We've also got exciting news for some upcoming events. As many of you know (although some of us may not want to be reminded), this is a big birthday year for most of us. For those of us who'll be reaching the Big 5-0 (and for those of us who are not actually 50 or not actually willing to admit to it . . .), the class officers are thinking that it would be fun to have regional Cornell birthday celebrations to celebrate this milestone. Whether or not you're actually 50 . . . doesn't matter. Just come and have fun! Write in and let us know what you think about the idea. Check our class website (<http://classof83.alumni.cornell.edu>) for updates on these and other events in your area. In the meantime, we've got a fun "Tell Us" poll going on Facebook: "Do you still have your original hair color?" If you're on Facebook, check it out.

Your class officers are working to keep the lines of communication open as we look ahead to our 30th Reunion. Please look for us on our class website or on Facebook and LinkedIn, and reach out to fellow classmates at local Cornell events. Keep the news coming! ■ **Alyssa Bickler**, cousinalyssa@yahoo.com; **Lynn Buffamante**, lb325@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof83.alumni.cornell.edu>.

84 **Lee Bender** celebrated son Noah's bar mitzvah in Israel this past summer with 14 family members including his father, **Stephen '58**, and brother **Evan '86**. In October, they continued the celebration in Philadelphia, with many additional Cornellians in attendance: **Sharon Bender '90**, **Marcia Goldschlager Epstein '64**, **Amy Norr '82**, **Jeff Kahn '83**, and **Diane Barsky '83**. At the Cornell vs. Colgate hockey game at the Prudential Center on November 27, a Phi Sig Ep reunion was planned, but Lee was only able to get together with **Larry Lazar**; **Charles Oppenheim** and **Matt Siegal** were unable to make it. Lee's most exciting news is that son Justin was accepted to Cornell, early decision, for fall 2011. He will be a fourth-generation Cornellian!

Greg Kimmel, PhD '92, has been selected as a fellow in the American Physical Society, one of the world's leading professional organizations for physicists. Greg, a scientist at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, WA, was recognized for his seminal contributions to understanding the structure and electron-stimulated reactivity of interfacial water. **Hope Kuniholm** still enjoys working with toddlers on the Syracuse U.

community, many of whom speak languages other than English. She is doing lots of gardening with native plants and growing her own vegetables. Hope led a workshop on canning, preserving, and storing foods recently. Her favorite activities at Cornell were Big Red Band and Pep Band. She still volunteers for CAAAN, is active with Habitat Gardening in Central New York, and has a yard certified as a habitat with the National Wildlife Federation and as a Monarch Way Station with Monarch Watch. Hope also participated and helped start Edible Gardening in Central New York.

Keith Kefgen has been running his own search firm for the past 15 years and is writing a book on leadership and service. He is still a part of the Cornell Football Association. **Jeannette Allen**, MBA '87, works at the Social Security Administration in Maryland. She would love to hear from **Holly Hansen-Uzategui**. **Doreen Gordon Williams** is a mom and director of diversity and parent relations coordinator for the Carrollton School of the Sacred Heart in Miami, FL. Her activities include running her three children around to their extracurricular activities, volunteering throughout greater Miami, planning summer travel, decluttering her home, and sharing her many blessings with those in need. She would love to be at the beach with a nice, cold beverage, reading a book! One of her fondest memories of Cornell is hanging out on the Arts Quad. She would love to hear from **LaDonna Parker** and **Khadijah Muhammad** Starling.

Carolinda Suitor had a lot going on in 2010. She married Michael Sterczala and moved to Dudley, MA, she entered a group practice at the Greater Lowell Psychiatric Associates in Chelmsford, MA, and her daughter, **Kayla Warter '14**, graduated from high school in Acton, MA, and entered Cornell as a freshman in the fall of 2010. The following classmates attended CAU's on-campus summer classes in 2010: **Lily Chiu**-Moledina, **Scott and Susan Brooker Cooper '85**, **Andrew Held**, **Nina MacGinn** Maines, and **David Thornhill**. **Karla Sievers** McManus, Klorax@comcast.net; **Janet Insardi**, insardij@hotmail.com. Class website, <http://classof84.alumni.cornell.edu>.

85 Lucky for me: A number of news-worthy Cornell events have taken place over the last few months that have given me the opportunity to interact with my classmates and inquire as to where their life paths have taken them. The most recent was a mini-Sigma Delta Tau reunion held in NYC at Citrus Restaurant in early December. Accordingly, here is some news from fellow SDTERS who were able to make the event!

Laura Weiner Siegal lives in Port Washington, NY, with husband **Matthew '84** and kids Jake, 16, and Chelsea, 12. It is a whirlwind year for Laura as she spends her "free time" checking out colleges for her son and planning for Chelsea's bat mitzvah in January. Laura practices trademark law from her home office. The commute from the coffee pot has been a killer for Laura. Matt, on the other hand, takes a leisurely ride on the LIRR to his Manhattan office, where he spends many a night burning the midnight oil as a partner in the intellectual property department of Stroock, Stroock and Lavan, while planning for his next deep-sea fishing event.

In October, Laura and I visited Rhode Island, where we celebrated the bar mitzvah of Brent Rabinowitz, son of Lloyd and **Ellen Baum** Rabinowitz.

Ellen's new activity is also "college shopping," as daughter Sonia makes the college rounds. Ellen is very popular in East Greenwich, RI, where she has set up a successful home-based business as a private tutor specializing in college preparatory exams. Lloyd spends a lot of time working on his Admiralty and Gold Club memberships at the various airlines that fly him to China and around the country for his work as the director of marketing for Samsonite Luggage. The takeaway message is: Go on vacation or visit your family in Florida—it is good for business!

Speaking of college, **Claudia Grossman** Jaffe's oldest son, Joshua, is away at Washington U. in St. Louis on full scholarship! Claudia lives in White Plains, NY, with husband Aaron and younger sons Adam, 16, and Seth, 13. Claudia is back practicing law in NYC after time spent at home with her three boys doing floral design, working for the City of White Plains, and legal recruiting. **Leora Halpern** Lanz also has three kids: daughter Jordana, 14, and sons Zachary, 12, and Jeremy 7. Leora is the director of marketing for leading global hospitality firm HVS, based out of their Long Island office. Leora's husband, Alain, also works on Long Island at Adelphi U.

Stay-at-home mom **Ronee Trosterman** Cowen lives in Westfield, NJ, with her husband and two sons. **Jill Shaffro** McGovern is also still in kid mode over in Wyckoff, NJ, with her two daughters, ages 13 and 11. **Beth Falk** Fagin resides in Cold Spring Harbor with her husband and children. **Rob Klugman** consults and is the JV tennis coach for Byram Hills High School. Wife **Bonnie (Rattner) '86** has been practicing law since 1989. She specializes in employment and executive compensation at Becker Glynn.

Back in October, I attended Zinck's Night at the Cornell Club with **Sheri Klein '84**. Sheri lives in Boca Raton, but travels to New York regularly for visits with her friends and business partners. She is a key executive at MarketAmerica, an Internet-based product marketing company, and specializes in marketing their nutritional product lines. I also had the opportunity to meet up with **Steven Drexler**. Steven was at the Marriott for the annual PGA Conference on anesthesia, which I have attended as an exhibitor since I started in the pharmaceutical business 12 years ago. Steven is an anesthesiologist at Northern Westchester Hospital and lives up in Greenwich, CT, with his wife and two sons, who keep him busy with their many sporting events.

Although we missed them at our 25th Reunion, **Jack and Jill Rosenbaum Ascher** had a wonderful trip this summer with their three kids to the Galápagos Islands. Jack and Jill (I just love saying that) live in Rochester, NY, where Jack maintains a home office working in bank consulting, specializing in bank syndication deals. Jill is a veterinarian. **Jonathan Miller** practices criminal law in New Mexico and has had a very busy year making the book tour rounds with his third published novel, *Conflict Contract*. **Jim Joseph** also published this year. His first book, *The Marketing Experience*, is about optimizing the marketing experience. Jim resides in New Jersey and works in advertising in New York City.

To introduce myself, I live in Great Neck, NY, with my daughter Arielle, 14, a ninth grader at Great Neck South Middle. I've left the practice of law, for now, and have been working in pharmaceutical sales for the last 12 years, in hospital sales. Currently, I am at Hospira Worldwide Inc., where I specialize in anesthesia and critical care

products and cover Long Island and the northern part of Queens. In my "free time," when I am not at the gym, I am driving from rink to rink around New York and the Northeast for Arielle's figure skating and synchronized skating practice, lessons, and competitions. Send your news to us, anytime of year! **Roberta Zwiebel** Farhi, rfarhiesq@aol.com; **Joyce Zelkowitz** Cornett, cornett0667@comcast.net; **Risa Mish**, rmm22@cornell.edu.

86 One in, two to go. **Susan Seligsohn** Howell and I collectively have three seniors applying to colleges this year. My son, Sam Hine, received a "yes" from Cornell and will be in the College of Arts and Sciences, Class of 2015. Olivia Howell and Nick Hine didn't apply early decision anywhere, so they will hear in the spring. **Maureen Laffey Bills's** daughter **Kathleen '10** graduated last May, as did her fiancé, **Chris Domanti '10**. Congrats to Maureen and her husband, **Stephen '84**. Let the legacy continue!

David McHaffey has been made a partner at his law firm, Barker, Epstein & Loscocco. He practices immigration law in Boston. **Sue Elliott** is editor in chief of a new series of magazines, *Easy Recipes From America's Great Chefs*. They have recipes from such well-known chefs as Tom Colicchio, Thomas Keller, Charlie Palmer, and Emeril Lagasse. Look for more titles in 2011 and the launch of *Chef* this March. Also in a new foodie venture, **Joel Henry** launched an organic, vegetable-based line of soups called Fig Food. You can find them at Whole Foods. And if that wasn't enough excitement for one year, he and his wife also had their first baby.

Rohit Bakshi was promoted to full professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School, where he is researching a cure for multiple sclerosis. **Carlo de Luna** will head to Zurich this year, presenting a paper at the third Intraoperative Imaging Society Meeting. **Peter Quinter** took a break from his home in Boca Raton to ski in Vermont over the holidays. He also has a seven-day hiking trip planned for this year. When not outside, he's a lawyer specializing in customs and international law. **Irene Hendricks** moved to New Canaan, CT, last year and also sort of changed companies, as her firm was bought by Discover Financial Services. **Lisa Wallach** has traded the courtroom for a classroom and is enjoying her new career as a substitute teacher.

Jeff Biederman spent the summer in London, teaching a class in international entertainment law. His boys, 10 and 8, loved living in London. Sadly, his buddy **Jeff "Zulu" Rosenberg** lost his long-running battle with cholangiocarcinoma in September. Also writing to express his sorrow at Jeff's passing was **Jim McDonald**, who lives in Austin, TX, with his wife and son, 12.

We hope to see you at our 25th Reunion, June 9-12. Join our Facebook group for the latest information ("Cornell University Class of 1986") and e-mail either of us directly with your news: **Laura Nieboer** Hine, lauracornell86@sbcglobal.net; **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, susan.cornell86@comcast.net.

87 Thanks for all the great updates, which we received in response to an e-mail solicitation to classmates selected "at random" from our address list. Here goes: I couldn't help but note that we had

news from three Wendys this time around, so we will put them at the top of the column! **Wendy Knight** writes that she is a "NYC-based publicist working in lifestyle PR" and recently launched her website, KnightAndDayCommunications.com. Her current projects include "working with the Int'l Culinary Inst., an indie filmmaker whose documentary *FRESH* was just nominated for a Tasty Award, a novelist, a college-access nonprofit, a jewelry designer/philanthropist, and a Montana rancher who has created a new breed of cattle, HighMont beef." She tells us, "My man and I raised heritage pigs in Vermont as a hobby farm and launched www.SleepyPantonFarms.com." She splits time between NYC and Vermont, which she has called home since 1992. Her daughter Alex is a senior at the U. of Vermont. **Wendy Marx**, MD '91, lives in Katonah, NY, with husband **Dave Yagur** '81, ME '82, MD '91. She practices pediatrics in Mount Kisco, NY. They have three children; the oldest is a junior in high school. Wendy gives us "one guess as to where she'd like to go to college." **Wendy Weil** has been working at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati for 23 years! For many years she worked on R&D for Pringles with **Gene Tavares** '00, **Gary Dechert** '98, and **Jenny Su** '04. She now works in the feminine care division, with a focus on material development. This entails traveling to Europe and Asia to "develop new materials with suppliers and test them in P&G sites around the world." Wendy would like to give a shout-out to her old friend **Mark Shultes**, ME '89, and would love to hear from him.

From the West Coast, we have news from **Jennifer Maisel**, a playwright and screenwriter, who lives in Los Angeles with husband Michael Berick and their daughter Julia. She says she was "fortunate to be included in Sundance's 2010 Theatre Lab at Mass MoCA," where she workshoped her new play, *Out of Orbit*, about a scientist working on the Mars Exploration Rover Mission. Jennifer also had a movie that premiered on Lifetime in June 2010, *Double Wedding*. **Debbie Eisenberger** Matityahu left California last June to travel around the world with husband Amir and kids Arielle, 11, and Jacob, 9. Debbie writes, "Amir, an orthopedic trauma surgeon, has been working/training/teaching and volunteering in hospitals in Germany, Jerusalem, Kenya, and now in South Africa. We head to Hong Kong, China, Japan, and Costa Rica after this. I have been home schooling the kids (not so easy) and have volunteered (I am an ob/gyn) in the hospitals in Kenya and now Mthatha, South Africa. This has been a life-changing experience in so many ways. We are learning firsthand about the poverty and lack of access to medical care in Africa." They plan to return home in March 2011. You can visit their family blog at www.matityahufamily.blogspot.com. Also overseas, **John Graham-King** (formerly John King) sent news of his move to The Hague, Netherlands, where he has lived for almost two years. He tells us, "I got married just over a year ago to the man I moved here for, which explains the last name change. I am currently in the process of purchasing a Web-based franchise that provides helpful English-language local information targeted at expats living in southern Holland."

Lois Presser, an associate professor of sociology at the U. of Tennessee, sent news of her 2008 book, *Been A Heavy Life: Stories of Violent Men*, published by the U. of Illinois Press. Her book "examines the life stories of 27 men who perpetrated violence including murder, rape, and assault, to clarify how they counter stigma and

make meaning of their lives and their actions." She writes, "I credit Cornell with my earliest sensitivity to the constant meaning-making that we humans engage in." **Steven Sprague** (Richmond, MA) resides with wife **Judy (Kester)** '86. They have daughters Lexi, 15, and Sara, 12, and enjoy building their horse farm (www.whitehorsehill.com). Steven's real job at Wave Systems Corp. is going well and "is developing into a significant player in cyber security." He says it has been awhile since he was back at Cornell, but he has been to many ECAC hockey finals in Albany, NY, which are "always a good time."

Doug Rademacher writes in from Rhode Island, where he lives with wife **Cindy (Davis)** '86, and their three children. They recently enjoyed an annual weekend visit by **Charles Sukenik**. Doug reflects that "it's pretty cool that Charles and I are still best friends after all those years, going back to the first day of freshman year at U-Hall 5 (or '7' as we liked to call ourselves on the top floor). Supposedly those room assignments were random. I think Cornell used some kind of Sorting Hat."

Send us your news via e-mail, through the link at our Class of '87 Web page (<http://classof87.alumni.cornell.edu>), by an update at the Cornell Class of '87 Facebook page, or on a Class of 1987 News Form. [Brenna Frazer McGowan](mailto:brenna.frazer@cornell.edu), brenna.frazer@cornell.edu; **Heidi Heasley Ford**, hfh6@cornell.edu.

88 Greetings, Cornell classmates! Once again, I am writing this column just a few days before Christmas while all sorts of interesting weather is touching different parts of the country. Here in

Northern California, a string of wet days has us looking forward to a soggy Christmas. Not exactly what Irving Berlin had in mind. Nevertheless, my wife, Ann, and I are looking forward to the holiday and a visit from my parents from New York. We all look forward to new adventures in 2011 with our daughter Grace, 1-1/2, as she continues to develop what appears will be a fiercely independent personality.

Thanks to all who responded to an e-mail request for news. If you enjoy reading about your fellow '88ers, then by all means sit down at the keyboard and send in some news of your own. The annual News and Dues mailing from the class should be arriving in the next few weeks also, so jot a few lines on the News Form and send it in!

As I am only midway through my second full year of parenthood, it is a marvel to read about those of you with children now about ready to enter college. And what other college would be more thrilling for the child of an alumnus to attend than Cornell itself? **Michael DeStefano** wrote that his second child, daughter Kelly, will be entering the Class of 2015. Michael's oldest, son **Jackson** '13, is studying Biological Engineering and serving as vice president of Theta Delta Chi. Michael and wife **Molly Driver** '87 are very proud of their kids and have loved taking them and their younger brother to Cornell for years for alumni events, lacrosse games, and more. He says that "they both knew the school so well, it was an easy choice for them." Kelly DeStefano will have another '88 legacy as a classmate. **David Levine**, MD '92, sent word that his daughter Sophia was admitted early decision to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. David lives in Bedford, NY, with his wife, **Davena (Barfus)**, and children Sophia

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and Payton. He is an orthopedic surgeon at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York, where he specializes in foot and ankle surgery.

Larry Phillips wrote that he has not replied to a request for news in many years, so it seemed a good time to finally do so. He lives in Rye, NY, with his wife of 14 years, Elizabeth Hartridge, and their children, boys ages 9 and 11, and a daughter, 2. Six years ago, Larry co-founded an investment banking boutique called Moorland Partners, based in Greenwich, CT. He does on occasion see classmates, including his cousin **Bill Phillips** and friends **Victor Lopez**, ME '89, and **Christopher Smith**, both of whom are in the Hartford area. Thanks for the update, Larry! Another entrepreneurial classmate, **Keith Camhi**, started a high-tech children's gym franchise named Great Play with wife Jyl. They now have locations in

dams, including conceptual designs of water saving basins at the Panama Canal and final design and construction support of approach walls and lock walls at several locks throughout the US.

The last note from a familiar classmate came from **Geetanjali Akerkar Ruthen**, MD '93. She and husband **Russell** live in Carlisle, MA, with their sons Neil, 13, and Avi and Amar, both 8. In Carlisle, Geetanjali and Russ write, "We were happily shocked to learn that not only are there many Cornellians in the town, but in our older son's class alone, seven parents are Cornell couples." Russ and Geetanjali spent a week with their families at CAU with **Stephen Odio** and **Deena Berton**, MBA '89, and **Rohit Bakshi** '86, where they enjoyed biking and taking sailing lessons. Russ is starting a nonprofit called Day Before Birth; Geetanjali works as a gastroenterologist.

‘Mark Tanouye gave up his scientific career to pursue his love of music.’

Rose Tanasugarn '90

Connecticut, New York, Washington, Texas, Georgia, and Arizona. Small Business Opportunities named Great Play an "innovative concept in a fast-growing industry" and IHRSA, the global trade association of the fitness industry, declared it "one of the two most innovative approaches to youth fitness worldwide." You can learn more about them at www.greatplay.com.

It is a great pleasure of mine as a correspondent to occasionally hear from classmates whom I knew in Ithaca but have not really kept in touch with as the years have passed. My recent electronic pleading for news resulted in three such responses. First, **Lesley Topiol Kowalski** wrote that while she and her family enjoyed living in Jefferson City, MO, they moved back to the Washington, DC, area in January 2010. Lesley now lives in Fairfax, VA, where she works part-time and is "way over-extended in the world of PTA." She continues to enjoy her tap dancing hobby, both by taking classes and teaching. Her sons Chester, 13, and Walter, 9, are both thriving and enjoying school, while husband Dan has a horrible commute to Capitol Hill every day. Lesley says she has not been in touch with many '88ers lately, but once in a while does catch up with her friend **Margo Shatz Block**.

The next welcome surprise was from my next-door neighbor in Clara Dickson Hall freshman year, **Lisa Deutsch Pierce**. Lisa and I had a brief e-mail-facilitated reunion a while back and it was great to hear from her again. Lisa and husband **Bill** '87 bought a house on seven acres, about an hour north of Seattle, where they plan to move after selling their suburban Seattle house—not an easy task in the current housing market. They are at the beginning of starting a mini-farm and are busy doing volunteer work. Bill's volunteerism includes stream restoration projects and education programs regarding salmon, while Lisa is starting to assist people in getting their GEDs and volunteering at a food bank. Lisa worked for INCA Engineers (now part of Tetra Tech) for 20 years, including managing the structural engineering department for the last few years. She left last year in order to start focusing on community service. Her work at INCA focused on navigation locks and

They have been spreading the Cornell spirit and "are happy to report that our babysitter has been accepted early decision to the Class of 2015."

I have reached the end of this column, but if you didn't see your news this time, stay tuned to future issues. And if you haven't done so yet, please write and let us know what's going on in your neck of the woods. Until next time, I wish you peace. ■ **Steven Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu; **Brad Mehl**, bradmehl@gmail.com; and **Sharon Nunan Stemme**, sen28@cornell.edu.

89 So, interestingly, as I write this in early December, my daughter has just said to me, "Mommy, when do we get to go to Cornell again?" She voiced this on Dec. 6, which just happens to be exactly halfway between my 20th Reunion and my husband's 20th Reunion. Timing is everything. Speaking of timing, we know we are getting old when the class news is filled with bar mitzvahs and books written—not births. Here we go.

Journalist **Marianne Schnall** announces publication of her book, *Daring to be Ourselves: Influential Women Share Insights on Courage, Happiness, and Finding Your Own Voice*. The book is a collection of quotes from her interviews with many very famous women. Marianne has also founded and directs the websites Feminist.com and EcoMall.com. **Colin Spence** is a partner at Convergent Computing in the San Francisco Bay Area, and his fifth book, *Microsoft SharePoint 2010 Unleashed*, is now available. He suggests that at 1,000 pages it makes a great doorstop.

On to the bar mitzvahs. **John** and **Laura Pearlman Kaufman** were excited to announce that their oldest son was bar mitzvahed in May. They had high hopes for Hot Truck, but distance required settling for a local pickup truck. Cornellians in attendance included **Dina Weiss-Linfoot**, **Audrey Berg Longfellow** '88, MBA '89, and **Jayne Gilbert Peister** '88. Also having his bar mitzvah this year was Jonathan and **Jamie Platt** Lyons's son Avi. **Amy Susman-Stillman**, **Alena Tepper Margolis** '88, and **Lori Schain Hiller** '88 and their

families all made the trip to Avi's summer camp in Georgia for the happy occasion. Jamie, a real estate attorney, recently joined Lazega & Johnson LLC after 17 years at the same firm. **Dave Scher** announces that he is a principal with the Employment Law Group based in Washington, DC.

Also practicing law is **Doug Blair**, the director of legal services for BJC Healthcare in St. Louis. Doug holds both a JD and an LLM in health law. He and his wife, an RN who is currently a stay-at-home mom, have a son, 7, and a daughter, 4. Also in healthcare is **Deepak Sachdeva**, an ER physician in the D.C. area. He and his wife just had their third child. "We started late and had our three children in a span of less than four years." Deepak also tells us that **Gidon Coll** started his own brand of hard cider called Original Sin, which has met with critical acclaim. Not surprising with a name like that. Also in the beverage industry is **Brian Ross**, now CEO of Cheribundi, which produces tart cherry juice using technology created by, you guessed it, the Cornell Ag school! Cheribundi is based in Geneva, NY, so Brian travels from his home in Boulder, CO, to the Finger Lakes region regularly.

Speaking of traveling back to the area, **Kevin** and **Kristine Pullar Sprague** report having visited Cornell in August 2009 and having celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in September 2010. Kevin runs a small branding and design agency and is launching a new consulting arm for those needing creative marketing, branding, and Internet strategy ideas. Reach him at www.kevinsprague.com. Kristine is a LEED-certified architect designing homes and working on historic preservation. She is currently enjoying watching construction of a large home she designed in historic downtown Lenox, MA. Kevin wonders if anyone he taught to climb at Cornell is still climbing. Continuing with newly minted consulting firms, we have **Susan Bloom**, who has launched an eponymous consulting firm which provides freelance writing and corporate communication services. Susan is also a feature writer for New Jersey's *Asbury Park Press*, among other assignments. Her husband, **Jonathan "JD" David**, is a partner at a New Jersey-based patent law firm. He specializes in patent litigation and matters involving consumer electronics.

Also in upstate New York, we have **Paul Buck**, who after 23 years of traveling around the country, has finally settled down in Syracuse and is now the business manager for a home remodeling and repair company. Slightly farther south is **Sue Ulman Kravitz**, who reports being the general manager of office buildings in Bethesda and Rockville, MD. Sue is married and has daughters ages 7, 5, and 18 months. "Life is busy but great!" **Marne Platt** checks in from Switzerland, where she is now global head of regulatory affairs for Novartis Consumer Health. Marne is moving from Basel to Nyon, which will require switching from German to French, as well as commuting between Switzerland and New Jersey. **Erika Ades** has returned to being a private investigator and reports having one son who is applying to Cornell. Erika has three other children who are busy with school and sports. **George Dan** and his family of five are now happily living in Sparta, NJ.

Several classmates are starting new careers. **Michael Creedon** completed his degree in library and information science at Syracuse U. and now works at Boston College libraries. **Jennifer Monahan** reports having become a licensed real estate salesperson in January 2010. She works for Sotheby's Int'l Realty selling real estate on the North

Shore of Long Island. **Andrea Avruskin** has been specializing in performing arts physical therapy for the past 13 years. Recently she obtained a certificate in public relations and now serves as chair of the public relations committee of the Nevada Physical Therapy Association. This is in addition to her regular job as backstage physical therapist for Disney's *The Lion King* in Las Vegas. Andrea also volunteers as a news reader at her local NPR affiliate station, KNPR, for the Radio Reading Service.

Alejandro Aleman proudly reports that after 20 years in the USAF, he has been promoted to the rank of full colonel. **Tim and Donna Teebagy Anderson** sent news of their 21st anniversary in October 2010. They live just outside Philadelphia and enjoy time in the Pennsylvania mountains just south of Binghamton. Tim is a self-employed wood and metal artist and Donna teaches American Sign Language to preschoolers. Tim and Donna have three children: Nick, 16, Jake, 14, and Olivia, 11. **Melinda Hammer Lehman** resides in Westchester, NY, and is president of the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force food pantry. **Julie Bestry** sent news of quite a number of classmates. Several of them have kept up a Yahoo! group for the better part of two decades. The group includes **Paul**, ME '90, and **Kindra Kelly Quagliana '90** in Orlando, **Jason Garbis** and family in Boston, and Drs. **John and Lisa McCurry Basile**, MD '93, in Maryland. Also keeping in touch with the group is **Brett Walker**, who is currently seeking enlightenment and doing Web work in India. Julie is also in touch frequently with **Mark Mironer** in Minnesota; in his spare time, he is a limericist for OEDILF, a group dictionary written in limerick form. Julie enjoyed a long dinner with **Kathryn LoPresti** Mauro, former women's hockey goalie, and her husband over Labor Day weekend. Julie, a certified professional organizer, reports that she is busy with her business, Best Results Organizing, and has made many television appearances to provide tips on organization and time management.

There is a birth to report! **Todd and Lauren Harris** are thrilled to announce the birth of their first child, Walker, in October 2010. Speaking of October, **Andrea Thies** and **Julie Wenger** Kallfelz reunite each October to row in the Head of the Charles Regatta with other members of the Cornell Alumnae Boat Club. Finally, **Trevor Steer** requests that everyone be alerted to the new CornellConnect. This is the new site for alumni to connect with the university and update their directory profile (<https://cornellconnect.cornell.edu/>).

Please keep sending that news via e-mail or snail mail. Check out the Class of 1989 Facebook page ("Cornell Class of 1989") and get involved! **Lauren Flato** Labovitz, cu89_news@comcast.net; **Kimberly Levine** Graham, KAL20@cornell.edu; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell Bliss, ac98@cornell.edu.

90 Can you imagine what it would have been like if Facebook was around when we were undergrads on the Hill? I'm truly grateful Facebook isn't demanding service fees from news-hungry class correspondents, although I do admit that hunting for column material feels like voyeuristic spying at times. Please keep an eye out for the spring News and Dues mailing from the class and send in an update—on the News Form or directly to us at any of the e-mail addresses listed at the end of this column.

What amazing things I learn from Facebook, like **Bonnie Gould** Rothberg being at a Nickelback concert just weeks before having her fifth child, Jacob Nathaniel. After following up with Bonnie by e-mail, I learned that she was making plans to get Jacob an emergency passport so he could travel with her to Sydney, Australia, where she was an invited speaker at a conference on melanoma research last November. I'm sure Bonnie is getting lots of help minding baby from husband Jonathan and children Jordana, Noah, Elana, and Gabriella.

Dan Fried "liked" the photo I posted of my new Canon EOS 60D and was kind enough to leave me a comment with detailed advice about software he recommends for keeping digital photos organized. Considering that he left Los Angeles and the film industry to run the family photography studio back East, I will definitely follow his professional opinion. **Steve Thenell** left L.A. and his computer graphics career to participate in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program. After spending five years in Nagasaki Prefecture as a high school English teacher, Steve has returned to his home state of Oregon and is working on a Japanese language textbook. Former Southern California resident **Sam Flowers**, MBA '93, took a break from his birthday celebrations in Rio last December to tell me that "Feliz Aniversario" is the way Brazilians wish each other happy birthday. He is the owner of Gringo Cafe in Ipanema. Find out more on Gringo Cafe's Facebook page.

Cornell Anime Club co-founders **Mark Tanouye** and **Masaki Takai**, ME '92, use Facebook to make me hungry as they post great photos of amazing birthday cakes and various local eats in Honolulu. Masaki and wife Amanda are the proud parents of Marika and Kazuya. Mark is often away from wife Suzanne and kids Erin and Zachary, due to his role as bassist for Manoa DNA, the official band for Hawaii's tourism board. Mark graduated with a geology degree, but eventually gave up his scientific career to pursue his love of music. He has played with a number of notable musicians, including Michael McDonald of the Doobie Brothers and Jake Shimabukuro. In May 2009, I saw Mark perform at a Hawaiian festival in Osaka. We hadn't seen each other in person since our Saturday morning Chem 207 labs, freshman year. Afterwards, we enjoyed catching up at Drunk Bears, a pub modeled after Colleague town's bars, and had dinner with the band and Miss Hawaii 2008.

Speaking of Drunk Bears, it was **Sean Williams** who introduced me to that Cornell-themed chain. He co-hosted a 2005 pre-reunion event at Drunk Bears in Tokyo. Sean has since returned to the US to start a new venture. For many years he was a dedicated Cornell Club of Japan officer and CAAAN chair and is greatly missed. While it is disappointing not to see Sean at the club's annual general meetings in Tokyo anymore, a consolation was meeting Iron Chef Hiroyuki Sakai, whose son **Shingo Sakai**, MMH '08, is a Hotelier. Chef Sakai made the trip to Ithaca to attend Shingo's graduation ceremony. "Ithaca is f-a-a-a-r, isn't it?" he chuckled as we made small talk during the cocktail hour.

Michael Kim and **Thwen Chaloeintiarana**, two of Sean's Alpha Delt brothers, live in Northern California. I know Michael's wife, **Letitia (Todd) '91**, better as "Todd-san" from Japanese class. Their future Cornellians are Anabel and Dashiell. Michael is managing partner at Cendana Capital. Thwen, whom I met in Thai 203, is married to **Jennifer (West)** and enjoys taking daughters Katherine and Saijai surfing as often as possible—pretty easy considering that they live a mile from Route 1 and

the beach. Jennifer is acting general counsel for Levi's. Thwen contacted me on Facebook to ask how to spread the word about a Cornellian-driven art initiative in the Bay Area. "I've been working on a large-scale collaborative art project that's the kickoff piece for a recently formed nonprofit called the Flux Foundation. Turns out we're all Cornellians from the '90s. We have an Engineer, a Fine Arts major, two Architects, and a Liberal Artsy (me) so far. We'd like to invite other Cornellians to join us. Thanks!" Just Google "Flux Foundation" if you would like to learn more about Thwen's organization.

Google would have made life so much easier when we were struggling with research for papers at Cornell. Technology is really amazing, isn't it? Please use it to let us know what YOU are up to in your part of the world! **Rose Tanasugarn**, nt28@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net; **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu.

91 Spring has always been a favorite time of year for me in Ithaca and I am just thrilled that I will get to return for our 20th Reunion in just a few short months! Reunion fever is clearly setting in. So many of you have made plans to catch up with old friends June 9-12 on the Arts Quad. **Bob Baca** spent time in Ithaca last June with **Jeff Weintraub**, MD '95, and **Dorine Colabella** Scher, planning out events for the upcoming reunion. But it wasn't all work and no play, as the group tried out the zip line over Beebe Lake, tasted great wines, climbed the Lindseth Climbing Wall, tackled the high ropes challenges in Barton, and looked at Jupiter through the Fuertes telescope. Jeff informs us that the whole reunion weekend will be jam-packed with events, including: a private Class of '91 wine-tasting, many family-friendly activities for those planning to return with their "future Cornellians," athletic events, and dinner at Beebe Lake catered by Dinosaur BBQ—known for having the best ribs in the USA! Official registration will begin within the next few weeks. Go to the class website or the '91 Facebook page to find out all the latest details.

Dustin Moskowitz writes that he's looking forward to reunion. "I'm still working in Princeton, NJ, traveling to China a few times a year on business, and trying to minimize how much time my son, 8, plays video games (unless it's The Beatles: Rock Band, then I'm in!). Still enjoying life in the 'burbs and trying to find time to take advantage of my three grills, turkey fryer, and hammock." Last fall, Dustin was in Ithaca attending a symposium for WVBR, Cornell's student-run radio station. During his visit, he spent some time walking around campus and was amazed at all the new buildings and continuing construction. **Dave DeCecco** married **Meredith Turetz '93**, MD '98, in the Ithaca area in July 2010. The wedding took place at Heron Hill Winery in Hammondsport, NY, and the rehearsal dinner was held at Willard Straight Hall on the Ivy Terrace. (Of course, everyone hit Ruloff's afterwards.) Tons of Cornellians were in attendance, including **Craig Tomsik**, **Wilbur Holden**, and **Larry Ireland**. The couple became engaged in July 2009—also in Ithaca; they were on a hike in the rain in Six Mile Creek when Dave popped the question. Meredith works as a pulmonologist at NYU School of Medicine and Dave runs corporate global media relations for PepsiCo in Purchase, NY; they live in Manhattan, NY.

Sean '90 and **Kathy Kraus Bolks** welcomed Robert Sean on Oct. 21, 2010 in Houston, TX. He looks forward to his first reunion in June. Robert shares a birthday with his cousin Emma Caroline Jackson, who arrived in New Jersey to new parents Kevin and **Karen Kraus Jackson '88** on the same day. Keeping up with **Kara Niles** has gotten easier of late. After 18 years living abroad in Europe, Asia, and Africa, Kara is finally back in the US, also living in Houston. Kara is having a good time getting acquainted with Americans again and has quickly learned that Houstonians are very friendly. The transition has been made a little easier since her neighborhood is very international (44 nationalities at the local elementary school); she has found that it feels oddly like home after only five months.

Cynthia Lee Dow, husband **Jim**, and their three children (ages 9, 7, and 4) live in Old Greenwich, CT. **Shar Carter** Heslam, husband **Bill**, and their three children descended upon the Dows with some Narragansett Oktoberfest from Bill's beer venture in tow for a fun long weekend. Cynthia has made a career move into executive search with Russell Reynolds. Although it means less time for triathlon training, Cynthia loves her new position, having left the in-house counsel world to go looking for general counsel. **Yuri Castillo**, an investment banker with BMO Capital Markets, is married with children ages 2-1/2 years and 11 months. As an alum of the celebrated Cornell soccer team, Yuri is lucky enough to return to campus annually for Homecoming reunions.

After almost ten years with a large legal search firm, **Andy Burrows** started Burrows Legal Search, his own attorney placement firm, about a year ago. He has lived in San Francisco, CA, since 1994 and remains in touch with many Cornell friends out there. Andy currently serves as co-chair of the Bay Area alumni group for the ILR school. He has been married since '97, with one young son, 6, and one old dog, 13. Andy and his Bay Area friends are hoping to attend reunion as well! Speaking of Bay Area alumni, **Kimberly Uberti** splits her time between San Francisco, CA, and Lake Tahoe, CA, remotely running corporate communications for a Los Angeles, CA-based software company and spending as much time as possible on the lake and/or in the mountains. Kimberly keeps connected to West Coast alumni **Renee DiIulio** and **Pauline Dominh** in L.A. and **Melissa Schop** Heimerman, **Karen Hovorka '92**, and **Kevin Lyons '92**, who are regularly out and about in Lake Tahoe. **Kim Brown Bixler** and husband **Tim, JD '93**, have also settled in California. The Bixlers live in Manhattan Beach, CA, with their children Kendall, 12, and Robert, 11. After adventures in Ithaca, NY, Atlanta, GA, Pittsfield, MA, and Pleasanton, CA, Kim hopes to stay put for a while. Kim is involved in the Cornell Club of Los Angeles and hosted a scholarship dinner for the club with guest speakers from the entertainment industry (including the folks who did the visual effects on *Tron*, *Benjamin Button*, and *Zodiac*).

Michael Gimbel is an assistant professor of surgery at the U. of Pittsburgh Medical Center, practicing academic plastic surgery. Through his practice, Michael gets to work with a number of surgical residents who started their higher education at Cornell. Michael admits that he gets a kick out of training the young residents and they have a great work ethic. Michael hopes to make it to the 20th Reunion in June along with his wife and children, 5 and 2. **Jeff Loiter** reports that although he hasn't seen many classmates in person

recently, he does keep in touch with several via e-mail and phone, and hopes to see many at reunion in June. After four years in Vermont, he has participated in a few local Cornell Club events and met several alumni from other classes. **Peter Sloane** (ILR) is a partner at Leason Ellis LLP, an intellectual property law firm in White Plains, NY. Peter and wife Michele live in Mamaroneck, NY, with daughters Hannah, 11, and Molly, 9. Peter is in touch with fellow ZBT fraternity brother **Dan Fried '90**, who owns H&H Photography in Irvington, NY. Peter attended a celebration at the Abbott House in honor of Dan's wife, DeLaune Michel, who won the Theodore A. Wilson Award for Outstanding Community Service.

Elaine Chiu and **Robert Leung** shared the happy news that they welcomed their third son, Benjamin Jack, in June. He joins big brothers Ryan, 9, and Billy, 7. The family lives in Westchester County, NY, and, as you might imagine, their house is quite loud and chaotic with lots of soccer balls, toy cars, video games, Legos, and action figures flying about! They hope to introduce the whole gang to fellow classmates at reunion in June.

Please continue to share news with us via e-mail, through the link on our class website <http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>, or on the News Form in our most recent class mailing. We love to hear from you! ✉ **Kathryn Kraus Bolks**, klk22@cornell.edu; **Sharlyn Carter** Heslam, sheslam@berkshirepartners.com; **Ariane Schreiber** Horn, ams14@cornell.edu.

92 With the dawn of a new year upon us, here is what is happening with the Class of '92.

Kevin Schwartz, a partner with PRMT Management Consultants in the San Francisco Bay Area, reports that he and wife **Hilary Altman**, MS '95, department chair of communications at Merritt College in Oakland, CA, spent a planned month-long vacation on the East Coast this past summer with their children Zachary, 6, and Milana, 3. One of their stops included a stay on the shores of Cayuga Lake with **Andy Carlson**, **Tony DeHaas**, **Greg Graff**, **Joe Grondahl**, and **Greg Hitzhusen**, PhD '06, and their families to celebrate their 40th birthdays. Kevin adds that Andy received his MD and is now a partner in a pediatrics practice in his hometown of Milford, CT; Tony is a resident guru of software control systems for large chemical processing plants at Invensys PLC, based out of his home/farm outside Augusta, ME; Greg G. earned a PhD in agricultural economics from UC Berkeley and is now a professor at Colorado State U. in Fort Collins, CO; Joe is a practicing family doctor, heading up a team at Kaiser Permanente in the East Bay, outside San Francisco; and Greg H. earned dual master's degrees in forestry and divinity at Yale, returned to Cornell for his PhD, and is now a lecturer in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at Ohio State U. in Columbus. Also joining in the fun and festivities was Ithaca local Wayne VanCamp and family. Kevin writes that "for the fun of it" he, Joe, and Greg H. took part in the Musselman Half-Ironman triathlon in Geneva, NY, which included 70.3 miles of swimming, biking, and running. Congratulations on completing such a physical competition!

Ken Tokusei has been with Google since 2003 and has moved to the company's Tokyo office with his family to lead the product management effort there. Ken writes that he, his wife, and son, 4, are enjoying great food and awesome

technology gadgets. He invites fellow alums to holler if anyone wants to join him there, as superb talent is scarce! **Kasey Connelly Zanolli** writes that she is in Las Vegas—12 years now and counting—and that she has become involved with the healthcare field. She is the manager of academic affairs and faculty recruitment at the Nevada Cancer Inst. Kasey says that she and husband **Mike '93** enjoy living there and attending all of the activities that their children—ages 12, 9, and 4—are involved in.

Congratulations to **Rich Brewer**, who became a newlywed this past year! He and wife Beth tied the knot in St. Louis on May 8; they reside in San Jose, CA. Rich still works for SunPower, a solar panel company, also in San Jose. A little further north, **Matthew Meyer** reports that he and wife **Inger (Hultgren)** have been living in San Francisco for three years with daughters Astrid and Annika. Matt works as the vice president of business development for XDx, a genetic diagnostics company. Prior to that, Matthew and his family had been living in Basel, Switzerland, where he worked at Novartis Pharmaceuticals. Matt and Inger have had the opportunity to spend time with fellow Bay Area residents **Jen King Hartung** and husband **Chris '90**, **Jennifer Chuang** Van Der Marck '91, **Kana Muraki '91**, and **Carolyn Nash Bromstead**.

Laura Wild-Berthier writes in that she has been living in Lille, France, since 2005, and lived in Paris from 1997 to 2005. She earned an MBA in Paris in 1999, and worked in the pharmaceutical industry from 1999 to 2005 (in business development and financial controlling). Laura continued on with her education and earned a master's in translation from Université de Lille 3 (French to English legal, business, and technical translations), and started her own translation business, Wild Document Services. Laura's husband, Laurent Berthier, works for a company that manufactures shoes under license; they have been married since 2001. Laura and Laurent have children Margo, 8, and Charlie, 3. She writes that Margo is in "CE2" (the French equivalent of 3rd grade) in an international bilingual school, and Charlie is in nursery school. Because her work is portable, Laura and her family live in France for ten months of the year and spend their summers in New York. **Elizabeth Hallock** (St. Petersburg, FL) and husband David Wishner have their own architecture and design firm. They are enjoying life with their sons Jensen, 5, and Jasper, 3.

As for me, I am enjoying my time as a class parent for my second-grader, Sean, 7, and watching Ryan, 4, develop intellectually and socially as he tackles preschool! Also this year, I have been introduced to the world of cub scouting. It's been a lot of fun so far, attending the den and pack meetings; however, I never realized how active 7- and 8-year-olds could be! I am happy to report that my husband, Chris, is finishing up his MS in environmental engineering at Columbia U. this spring, and that I will be hitting the books myself at Rutgers U. (also this spring) for a master's in chemical engineering. Best wishes to all in 2011! Keep in touch and keep the good words coming! ✉ **Lois Duffy** Castellano, LKD2@cornell.edu; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Megan Fee** Torrance, mtorrance@torrancelearning.com.

93 Have we made it yet? Could the dark, icy, and unrelenting everything that has enveloped us from head to toe and everywhere else finally have passed

beyond us? Could all that is bright and warm be taking over? May you have an amazing spring, and I mean this not only in terms of the season, but also in a bigger sense, like emerging from the recession, and attaining our 40th birthdays—40 is the new 26, my fellow spring chickens! As I turn to the class column, I want to thank those of you who sent news, via mail or e-mail, and also to invite the rest of you to join the party.

I happily reconnected with **Mia Blackler**, who lives in the San Francisco area with her husband, Mark. Mia is an attorney and was elevated to shareholder at the law firm Buchalter Nemer PC in February 2010. She specializes in banking and real estate law and reports that the recession has made her work life incredibly busy. I have fond memories of Mia and Mark's beautiful Ithaca wedding—happy almost-ten-year anniversary, Mia!

Many of our classmates have started new jobs. **Michael Kim** has moved to Seoul, Korea, to work for Samsung Electronics as a director of business development. **Karen Leckey** Homolka let us know that her family also has relocated for employment reasons. **Priscilla Skarada** King is moving from Pennsylvania to outside NYC for her husband's new job. She wrote that she appreciates the volunteer work that she does at her sons' school and enjoys watching them interact with their classmates. In October 2010, **Jeffrey Hammer** started a new job with the MITRE Corp., a not-for-profit R&D/think tank serving the federal government. After seven years with Fox, **Whit Watson** is now anchoring and reporting for the Golf Channel. You can usually catch him on the program "Golf Central" (6 p.m. Eastern time). Whit is still based in Orlando, FL, and has kids Zach, who will enter middle school next year, and Ellie, in second grade. "If any friends are heading this way for a Disney vacation," Whit writes, "let us know!"

Michael McMahon has launched Bourbon Trace Stable, a horse racing partnership based in Lexington, KY. He explains, "Kentucky's Bourbon Trail is a big tourist draw to our area, as is racing. We hope to combine the two in our marketing efforts. Very exciting!" Mike is also involved in the Cornell Club of Lexington. **Cesar Tello**, DVM '97, a veterinarian, is also an active alum. Based in Queens, NY, Cesar serves as a mentor to Cornell students, working with **Nancy Law** '84 of Cornell Career Services to bring undergrads to his office to "see if vet med is for them." He also helps Cornell Ag students obtain vet internships. Cesar traveled to Ithaca for the Cornell Veterinary Conference, where he visited with vet students and met with undergrads enrolled in Cornell's Latino Studies Program. He is on the board of the Vet Alumni Association and is on the alumni trustee nominating committee for the Board of Trustees. **Rachel Sterner** Mozdy is also an active member of the Cornell community. She is involved in projects involving her employer, Corning Inc., and the Johnson School of Management. Rachel is also a CU student again, as she is enrolled in the Cornell-Queens Executive MBA program. She writes that the program "has been a great learning and growth experience, but it is challenging to balance my time between family, work, and school." Rachel still keeps in touch with some friends she worked with at Little Joe's restaurant (ahhh, Little Joe's, may you rest in peace!).

Happy to report that we have wedding and baby news, too! Double congrats to **Rachel Yarkon Khedouri**, who gave birth to her daughter, Kayla Hannah, on Sept. 14, 2010, which was also her wedding anniversary! Congratulations also to

Matt Krakowsky, who married Janice Kozlowski on 10/10/10 at the Magnolia Manor Plantation in Warrenton, NC. Matt was grateful that the weather for their outdoor wedding was "perfect" and that the couple celebrated with many Cornellians, including **Mike Rozengarten** '93, BS Ag '92, **Tho (Mai)** and **Aron Izower**, **Seth Kestenbaum**, **Jeffrey Cohen**, ME '94, and Matt's dad, **Jeffrey Krakowsky**, DVM '67. Matt has been living in Raleigh, NC, for the last three years, working for the USDA Agricultural Research Service. Congrats also to **Pippa Loengard**-Almond, who gave birth to Catherine Sara Meredith on March 4, 2010. Catherine joins big brother Teddy. Pippa wrote that she can't wait to bring both of her kids to our next reunion.

May your spring—and your 40th, if this is the year—be filled with happiness, health, luck, love, humor, connections, and reconnections. Take care and please share. ■ **Melissa Hart Moss**, melimoss@yahoo.com; **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu; and **Melissa Carver** Sottile, mtcossottile@yahoo.com.

94 As I write this on the eve of the holiday-travel maelstrom, I'm wondering if anyone else agrees that Abraham Lincoln put Thanksgiving a little too close to Christmas. Here's to all the '94ers who made the season a little less stressful by sharing their news.

Greg Woodworth and **Kelly Coughlin** '93 moved their gourmet mail-order bakery from Boston to the Finger Lakes, where they partnered with a local farmer to use his butternut squash seeds, which remained from the processing of the squash. Working with Cornell food scientists, the team came up with a butternut squash seed oil that's stocked by gourmet food stores in the Finger Lakes, Boston, and NYC. Wrote Greg, "You have the agricultural community, entrepreneurs, and a world-class university working together to produce a truly unique, sustainable, and locally sourced food product." Their company, Stony Brook WholeHeartedFoods, is located at the Cornell Agriculture and Food Technology Park in Geneva, NY. Also on the move, **Carrine Burns** relocated from Portland to Freeport, ME, where she and her husband built their "dream house." Carrine is managing partner of a nine-physician dermatology group and mother to daughters Ellie and Sidney.

Some gossip from the Golden State, where **Jar-rid Whitney** has hit the trifecta of life changes: his first child, Kalia, was born in November 2009, he relocated to Southern California last summer to become the new director of admissions at Caltech, and the family just moved into a new home that they built in Pasadena. "That's enough excitement for one year!" **Chris Hanscom** and wife **Carol Rim**, BFA '94, have left New Hampshire and returned to sunny California, where they are raising their three daughters. Chris is assistant professor of Korean literature at UCLA. Also in L.A. is **Liza Brown** Somillea, a graduate student at Cal State Dominguez Hills, where she is working toward a master's in urban school leadership. "I was lucky in a time of teacher layoffs to receive a promotion, and am now an assistant principal at Audubon Middle School in South L.A. Got to see **Amy Moskowitz** Lahana, **Jane Gorayeb** Kiernan, and **Kathy Burdette** Shields on our annual pilgrimage to the East Coast this past summer." In Oakland, CA, **Greg** '93 and **Osa Armi Wolff** welcomed baby Alexander, born on Easter Sunday 2010.

Last January, **Maggie Flinn** and **Patrick Bray** '98 became proud parents to a baby boy. Maggie is assistant professor of French and of media and cinema studies at the U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. **Jeremy Ward**, PhD '00, is associate professor of biology at Middlebury College, where he teaches a first-year seminar called the Malleable Human and is using a National Science Foundation grant to research mouse genomes and "enhance science curricula for public school students." Also in academia, **Jacob Vigdor** is professor of public policy and economics and the director of the PhD program in public policy at Duke. The author of the book *From Immigrants to Americans: The Rise and Fall of Fitting In*, he also co-authored a study mentioned in the *New York Times* that documented the negative impact of home computer access on public school students' test scores. He was a visiting scholar at the Australian National U. last year and lectured in Lake Garda, Italy, this past September. "I enjoy spending time with my wife, Elizabeth, and three children (whose computer access time is strictly regulated): Nate, 9, Juliana, 6, and Evie, 3. We all made a trip to Ithaca this past June while my wife attended the American Society for Health Economics meeting; the kids treated Uris Library like their own personal playground!"

Speaking of playgrounds, **Elizabeth Gonzalez** is a kindergarten teacher at LREI (Little Red School House and Elisabeth Irwin High School) in Manhattan. "After staying home for five years and being a mom, it's great to come back to my practice. The school is extremely supportive of me as a teacher and parent." From the international travel department: In the early part of 2010, **Kristen Crockett** Tsarnas and her family enjoyed a three-month stint in Tokyo, Japan. Kristen wrote, "We rode the Shinkansen (bullet train) to Kyoto, visited Yokohama Zoo, shopped the markets of Hong Kong, and of course, visited Tokyo Disney." **Chris Laughton**, who is earning an MBA at UMass Amherst, journeyed to Tajikistan with the USAID farmer-to-farmer program, where he trained farmers in business management.

Cindy Wei (Washington, DC) is an AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) science and technology policy fellow working at the National Science Foundation. She wrote, "The program puts PhD scientists and engineers into government agencies to learn about policy and add more scientific expertise. Recently, I found an old friend from Cornell via LinkedIn. **Michail Charissis**, who is a doctor with the US Navy, returned to D.C. and lives just a few blocks away." Another addition to the nation's capital is **Erick Carrera**, who relocated there last April to join Vermont Senator Bernard Sanders's office as his legislative assistant for health. ■ **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com; **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant; jennifer.marchant@postfoods.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dineen@wasylik.net.

95 Hello, hello, my 1995 spring chickens! We only have a few eggs to hatch in this 2011 springtime Class Notes, but they are a colorful lot. We have babies, moves, new jobs, and even a movie appearance!

Daniel and **Katherine Dowell Kearns** welcomed son Collin Patrick on March 26, 2010. Katherine writes, "He is tall like his dad and athletic like his mom. I am back at work part-time as an instructional consultant. I am so glad to have some of both worlds!" **Alanna Coughlin**

Manning, MD '99, sends word that her family had an exciting addition. Sean Atticus was born on Aug. 25, 2010, joining brother Patrick, 2.

D. Michael Stroud sent in an exciting professional update. He writes, "I recently left the majority staff of the US House of Representatives' Committee on Homeland Security. On Sept. 15, 2010 I accepted an appointment in the Obama Administration as the deputy assistant secretary for legislative affairs at the US Dept. of Homeland Security." Outside of work, both the Cornell Football Association and the Class of 1995 continue to play an important part of Michael's life. In Lake Placid, NY, **Matthew Norfolk** practices law and in his free time plays lacrosse with the Big Red Steelheads, a team made up 100 percent of Cornell lacrosse players, past and present. Matthew and his wife, Darcy, have sons Rowen and Lincoln. **John Rubino**, MHA '98, moved to Montclair, NJ, in August 2009 with wife Hadley, who is a partner in an orthodontics practice in Upper Montclair. John works as the senior director of enterprise applications for Automatic Data Processing Inc. When not at work, John trains his Great Dane puppy—giant puppy, that is!

Change has been the name of the game for **Onah Jung**, BArch '95. She says, "After working in New York City for approximately ten years in the architecture field, I moved back to my hometown of Toronto, Canada, a few years ago. I started my own architecture practice, Studio Jonah, and have been busy with the practice. While enjoying the 'being in charge' part of my work, I am also faced with a variety of different aspects of architecture businesses: clients, budget, meeting the budgets! Endless all-nighters and being grilled during design studio reviews at Cornell prepared me well for this new adventure in my life." Onah is the president of the Cornell Club of Toronto. Thanks very much for serving your fellow Cornellians, Onah!

In case you missed it in the theaters, you should rent M. Night Shyamalan's latest movie, *The Last Airbender*. Yes, yes, the reviews of the movie painted it in a less-than-Oscar-worthy light, but considering that you could catch a glimpse of **Sanjoy Biswas** in some of the scenes should be reason enough to watch. Sanjoy was cast as an extra when the movie was being filmed in Philadelphia last year. Sanjoy says you can see his clean-shaven face when Aasif Mandvi's character, General Zhao, is addressing the mess hall on his ship. He is also in two battle scenes during the storming of the Northern Water Tribe, but hard to make out if you don't know where to look, given the armor and facemasks. Too cool! And to think we knew him when.

That's all the news for now. I hope you are all well and thinking about what interesting updates you want to send for Class Notes. Everyone wants to hear from you! ✉ **Abra Benson** Perrie, amb8@cornell.edu; **Veronica Brooks-Sigler**, vkbrosksigler@gmail. Class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>.

96 The other day I went to explain how I knew a Cornell friend from freshman year and realized I could use the phrase, "We've been friends for nearly 20 years." (And also: "I've known him more than half my life.") Eeeek! I mean, yay for old friends and all that, but how is it possible that we are this old?

Writing this on a crazily cold winter day, I'm wildly jealous of **Sidharta Oetama**, who reports

that he's living in Bangkok, Thailand, where he's the managing director of Formica Southeast Asia. He and wife Carolina spend their time "entertaining" (his quote marks, not mine!) their kids Calista, 5, and Christopher, 3. Oh—and traveling to beautiful beaches in southern Thailand. Sidharta (sidharta.oetama@formica.com) recently moved to Bangkok from Auckland, New Zealand, and wonders if any members of the ChemE Class of '96 also live in Thailand. Congratulations to **Matt Welsh**, who's been named the Gordon McKay Professor of Computer Science at Harvard U. Matt has been a member of Harvard's faculty since 2003, though he's currently on sabbatical at Google. He says his favorite part of Harvard is working with the "scary-smart undergraduates"—though judging from his research (the emerging area of sensor networks), he sounds pretty scary-smart himself.

Gavin Grant (grantg@et.afro.who.int), wife Linda, and children Bahiyih, 6, and Thomas, 4, have been in Ethiopia for a year supporting the government to improve the country's immunization program as a CDC secondee to WHO. Gavin says the hills are beautiful, much like Ithaca, and the people are wonderful! **Jeremy Goodwin** (goodwinglobal@gmail.com) is president and CFO at China Advanced Construction Materials Group Inc. (NASDAQ: CADC). He lives in Beijing and Los Angeles and is fluent in Mandarin Chinese after doing the FALCON program at Cornell. **Jamey Edwards**, MBA '03 (jameye@gmail.com) is CEO of Emergent Medical Associates in Los Angeles (www.ema.us). "I also manage another business called the Language Access Network (www.lan.us) that provides deaf patients or those without English proficiency with interpretation services via video-conferencing in healthcare venues. I am still on the board of the Cornell Club of L.A. and chair for the Johnson School Club of Southern California, so I keep in touch with a ton of alums out here." Jamey, wife Elise, and son Ethan welcomed daughter Mira Brynn in April 2010.

Richard Girards Jr., MBA '09 (rickgirards@hotmail.com) and wife Elizabeth Cashin are pleased to announce the arrival of Richard Thomas III ("Tommy") on October 7, 2010, who hopefully will join the Class of 2033. Tommy joins big sister Sarah Faith, who likely will join the Class of 2031. Rick recently earned an MBA through the Cornell-Queen's Executive MBA Program. **Jonelle Bradshaw** de Hernandez (jonelle@jonellebradshaw.com) and husband Amin Hernandez welcomed newborn son Ethan Raphael on September 30, 2010. **Alison Derow** Gaudet (alison.gaudet@yahoo.com) is in Philadelphia with husband Michael and daughters Caroline, 7, and Julia, 4. She is a pediatrician in private practice and enjoying the best of both her career and motherhood. She writes, "One of my fondest Cornell memories is hiking into the gorge and swimming in the waterfalls with good friends!"

Beth Malizia (bethmalizia@gmail.com) is an infertility physician at Alabama Fertility Specialists in Birmingham, AL. "My husband, Benjamin Taylor, and I recently had our fourth child—Van—born May 7, 2010. We welcomed him along with his big sisters Kaelin, 5, and twins Maddie and Ayden, 2-1/2." And last but not least: Nathan and **Alexandra Yoffie** Sleeper welcomed daughter Violet Lea on Nov. 17, 2010. Violet joins big sister Ella and big brother Joseph.

Wedding Watch: **Christine Kaefer** married Anatolij Petrov on Sept. 5, 2010 in Richmond, VA. Guests included **Kon '95** and **Madeline Infante Huypen** (and their daughter Evangeline), **Chris**,

MCE '97, and **Christine Lydon Rakov** (and their children Lauren and Connor), **Robyn Altman Block '97**, and **Yulun Yang '97**.

One of the great blessings (or curses, depending on one's view of appearing in print) of writing the column means that I pretty much get to stay out of it. But after 15 years (!) of reporting your news, I'm signing off—though with a bit of my own news. After eight years in London (British passport acquired, but not, unfortunately, a British accent), I've moved to New York to be the features editor for *SELF* magazine. Please get (or stay) in touch! ✉ **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu; **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; **Carin Lustig-Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 Although spring is in the air as you read this, we are in the midst of the holiday season as I write. The snow on the ground brings back many memories of the extremely cold and snowy winter we had our freshman year—a real welcome back to Ithaca in January for many of our classmates from warmer climates. So enjoy the beginnings of spring and remember the Slope when it was green instead of covered with ice and snow!

As usual, we have some baby news to share. This past fall saw three future Cornellians join our ranks. **Penner** and **Amisha Patel Schraudenbach** welcomed daughter Sahana this past September, joining big brother Cais. Amisha and Penner have relocated to Houston and enjoy being a family of four. Also welcoming a new little one in Texas is **Alison Brooks** Heinzman. Son Eli was born in October 2010; he joins big sister Grace. They live in Dallas, where Alison is an assistant professor at the U. of Texas South Western Medical Center in the ob/gyn department and her husband is finishing his fellowship in cardiology/electrophysiology. **Brian Yeh** sent news of the birth of his daughter Annabelle June this past November. Brian and wife Beth are excited about their new addition. Welcome to all the little ones!

Congratulations go out to three (yes, I said THREE) members of our class who were inducted into Cornell's Athletic Hall of Fame this past October. **Eric Kusseluk**, **Kimberly Milligan** Thomson, and **Steve Wilson** became part of the elite group of 522 alumni spanning the generations. Eric was a leader on the men's soccer team, garnering All-American and All-Ivy honors as well as various other honors and team records during his career. He also led the team to two NCAA appearances. Kim was a star on the women's swim team, becoming the first Cornell woman to win an individual title at Easterns—a race I had the pleasure to see firsthand! Kim set many school and pool records throughout her years with the Big Red and was a finalist multiple times at Easterns, as well as an NCAA qualifier. She also earned All-Ivy honors. Steve was a two-time NCAA tournament participant for men's ice hockey, as well as multiple All-Ivy and All-ECAC team selection. He led the team to the NCAA quarterfinals senior year. He also was recognized not only as an athlete, but for his scholastics during his years on the team, and graduated with the most games played in Cornell history. Congrats go out to these three athletes, who represent the Class of '97 well!

That's all there is for now, as your news updates from the fall had not reached me as of this writing. If you received a class mailing, please do send back the news form if you haven't done so

yet. Or join our class on Facebook ("Cornell Class of 1997") and post something new. You can also send an e-mail directly to Erica or me with any kind of update. A fun trip? A crazy holiday story? New babies? Weddings? We'll take it all! ■
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98 What adventures await you, Class of 1998, in 2011? What exotic locales will you visit? Which classmates do you follow on Twitter? You can tell us! We love to hear from you and spread the news of our fellow classmates, so here's the latest scoop! **Joanna Kipnes** and her husband moved to Raleigh, NC, in 2009, with their twin daughters Ella and Leila, 3. Joanna loves her job as an academic hospitalist at Duke U. She also writes, "I am going to Miami for an annual weekend with **Melissa Langsdorf**, **Elizabeth Harned**, **Kerrie Frisinger**, and **Amanda Bartelme** Holmberg. Unfortunately, **Hilary Himes** Hutchinson, MILR '02, **Marisa Hedlund**, and **Sarah Goldman** Meyer, MD '06, couldn't make it." What a perfect way to reconnect before our 15th Reunion!

Speaking of reconnecting, **Haeman Noori** and his wife look forward to getting involved in the Cornell alumni association in Colorado. They are moving to Denver, where Haeman has accepted his first private practice position after finishing his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at Indiana U. **Julie Chon** has been fortunate to stay connected with Cornellians through work events and weddings around the world. She has been with the Senate Banking Committee staff for the last four years, working intensively on the stabilization and reform of the financial system. **Jaff Hasan** is actively involved with the Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN) and the Cornell Student Alumni Mentoring Program. He has been working at a health insurance company in Philadelphia, PA, designing corporate training curriculums for employees across the enterprise. On Nov. 14, 2009, Jaff married Amber Gravett; the happy couple celebrated their first anniversary in Cape May, NJ. They had a busy 2010 settling into their home in southern New Jersey and taking care of their dog, Webster.

George and Alexandra Goldman Morrill (Sherborn, MA) have children Isabella, 3, and Olivia, 16 months, and two dogs. In their spare time, George owns and operates Leisure Line (www.leisureline.com), a custom embroidery and silk screening business that he purchased in January 2010. Alexandra has launched Laughing Giraffe Books (www.laughinggiraffebooks.com), an online company specializing in book bundles and book-of-the-month selections for children ages 0 to 8. **Janelle Miao** earned her MFA in experimental animation from CalArts and is an animator living in L.A. Living in the East Village of NYC, **Negin Farsad** has been

busy with filmmaking and comedy writing/standup. Her last film, *Nerdcore Rising*, came out in the US and is making its way in places like France and the Czech Republic (www.nerdcorerising.com). Her new film, *Not Another Jesus Camp Movie*, should be out this spring or summer. Staying true to her Skits-o-Phrenics roots, Negin did a sketch show called "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: A Romantic Comedy" and a standup show called "The Dirty Immigrant Collective" at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. She has seen **Kasumi Parker**, **Lara Nahas**, **Jason Reich**, **Jake Wolff**, **Rafael Zayas**, **Colin Benoit**, and **Michael Dawson** '99. She closes, "I guess they weren't lying when they said you'll make friends at Cornell that you'll have forever."

Also in NYC, **Amit Mansur** continues to work in private equity while enjoying fatherhood with a daughter, 3, and a son, 3 months. **Alice Tromble** Fagin and her husband welcomed son Elias Liam on July 15, 2010. The family has relocated back to California. **Daniel Estabrook** writes that he and **Lyn (Lopez)** celebrated the birth of their second daughter, Sophia Grace, in April 2010. Lyn works with the City of Austin as a project manager, handling renovation/remodels of municipal buildings. Daniel just received a promotion to the post of Lead Quality Assurance Specialist for the Texas Dept. of Family and Protective Services, where he is responsible for conducting

quality casework audits on Child Protective Services investigations.

Nathan Green enjoys sun, fun, and the great music scene he discovered when he moved to Austin, TX, to co-found campus2careers, the world's first job board to match college students with jobs at small to mid-sized businesses and nonprofits. The company has partnered with U. of Texas to scale statewide. If you are coming to Austin for the Austin City Limits (ACL) or South by Southwest (SXSW) music festivals, look him up at nbg2@cornell.edu for a place to stay. **Laura Duran-Gober**, husband **Michael Gober**, and big sister Abby welcomed a new addition, Sam, to the family last summer. Michael is a dermatology resident at the Hospital of the U. of Pennsylvania, and Laura completed an allergy/immunology fellowship at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and is staying on as faculty.

Matthew DiPaola is a full-fledged practicing surgeon in the Cincinnati/Dayton area, having finished his residency in orthopedics. He and his wife welcomed son Matthew into their family on Jan. 17, 2010. Matthew has launched a small software startup with another orthopedic colleague. The company has launched version 1.0 of the product at the Carolinas Medical Center. "The List" aims to help hospital-based medical teams manage their daily tasks more efficiently. Check them out at www.touchconsult.com and www.thelist.md. Free

Freedom Fighter

Jared Genser '95

In 1999, British activist James Mawdsley was arrested in Burma after handing out democracy leaflets and sentenced to seventeen years in solitary confinement. On the other side of the globe, University of Michigan law student Jared Genser read about Mawdsley's case and spent the next year campaigning for his release. The U.N. ultimately ruled that Mawdsley's confinement violated international law, and he was released after 416 days in prison.

"I was ten feet away when Mawdsley was reunited with his family," Genser remembers. "He gave me a firm handshake and said, 'You saved my life.'"

Ten years later, the story has become a familiar one for Genser. After Mawdsley's release, the two founded Freedom Now, a nonprofit that works to free prisoners of conscience. "We represent people who are imprisoned because of their exercise of the basic human rights that are guaranteed by international law," Genser says. The D.C.-based organization works with a network of *pro bono* attorneys to provide legal, political, and public relations advocacy. Its clients include Burmese activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, who was held under house arrest for fifteen of the past twenty-one years.

In addition to serving as president of Freedom Now, Genser is a partner at the law firm DLA Piper. In 2010, his philanthropic work was recognized with the Charles Bronfman Prize, an award for young Jewish humanitarians that carries a \$100,000 cash prize. But for him, the work is its own reward. Says Genser: "To stand in solidarity with people who are facing the most profound and severe forms of oppression, and to be able to feel like I have an impact on all that suffering, is a wonderful feeling."

— Adrienne Zable '11



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trials to any medical folks out there who think this product may be useful to them.

Please let us know what you have been up to because we want to tell everyone how you're doing. You can write to us at: **Uthica Jinvit** Utano, udj1@cornell.edu; **Karen Dorman** Kipnes, kld8@cornell.edu; or **Molly Darnieder** Bracken, mbd4@cornell.edu.

99 **Theresa Thomas** Holliday is a long way from Tompkins County. She's a component design engineer in Folsom, CA, working on debugging their component debugger—because it's inevitable that a debugger has bugs, right? In her off hours, she and husband James are adding on to the outdoor amenities of their new house. **Kara Buscaglia**, meanwhile, has stayed much closer to our alma mater. She's married to Frank Butcher and living in E. Amherst, NY. She's started her own law firm out there, carrying on that enterprising spirit inculcated by Ezra and Andrew.

Cornell). Whatever medium I was using, I decorated the surfaces. My drawings of people had patterned clothes. My pottery had patterns on it. The clothes I sewed were hand-printed, appliquéd, or embroidered. To this day, surface patterns fascinate me. It is also vital that I cause as little harm as possible to the Earth. I want my children (and their children) to have a green and healthy planet on which to live and love. Hence, I have wedded these two interests in my online business, and am particularly proud that these sheets are entirely made in the US. The organic cotton is even grown here, further helping reduce the carbon footprint of these bed sheets." Check out Poppy's website at: <http://poppysingerdesigns.com/>.

Congratulations to **Mukund Thattai** on his marriage in Bangalore, India, last fall to Nidhi Venugopal, a lawyer in Bangalore. Many Cornellians were in attendance, including classmates **Randi Rotjan** (a scientist at the New England Aquarium in Boston), **Abhideep Singh** (who works for Google in Hyderabad), and **Anurag Bagaria** (who runs a biotech company in Bangalore). "We managed to

their engineering and leadership teams. He has taken over all recruiting in San Francisco for MTV Networks, helping them to make a major push into social and mobile gaming for emerging platforms, including Facebook, iOS, and Android. Pete is also an advisor to Chrometa, a startup co-founded by **Brett Owens '03**, **JP Ren '07**, and others; they unveiled a Web application that allows you to analyze how you spend your time. Download the app at <http://app.chrometa.com>.

After graduating from Stanford Medical School, **Rosalyn Nguyen** completed her residency at Harvard U. in physical medicine and rehabilitation; she was chief resident and then pursued a sports medicine fellowship. She received the American Medical Association Foundation Leadership Award in 2009 and the National Association of Asian American Professionals Boston Unsung Heroine Award in 2008. Ros now practices sports and spine medicine in Boston, MA.

Sulaiman Al-Rubaie moved back to Kuwait in January 2010 to join Global Capital Management, a private equity firm based out of Kuwait and investing in the MENA regions, and co-managing the Global Buyout Fund, the largest private equity fund based out of Kuwait and one of the largest in the MENA region. More importantly, Sulaiman tied the knot and recently celebrated his first anniversary. The subject of profiles in both *Ezra* magazine and the *New York Times*, **Sam Gold** is a theater director in NYC. He won a 2010 Village Voice Obie Award for Best Director for his work on the off-Broadway plays *Circle Mirror Transformation* at Playwrights Horizons and *The Aliens* at Rattlestick Playwrights Theatre (both by Obie-winning playwright Annie Baker). He directed *Tigers Be Still* at the Roundabout Theatre and *The Coward* at Lincoln Center Theater. Next up will be *Kin* in the spring for Playwrights Horizons.

Jordan and Kathy Knapp Schaeffer welcomed their second child, son Cody Paul. He and big sister Addison keep the couple very busy! **Tiffany Winslow Wilding-White** and husband **Carter '01** had a daughter, Lily, in May 2009. Lily accompanied her parents to the Galápagos Islands, Puerto Rico, and weekend trips throughout the summer to visit friends and family. Tiffany says Lily is an intrepid little traveler! Tiffany reports that her sport psychology business, Mind Over Motion, is going strong, and her book, *Golfing with Your Eyes Closed* (2009, McGraw-Hill), is selling well. She attended Zinck's night with the Berkshire Cornell Club and is in touch with Cornellians from the ski team, including **Brian Donohue '01**, **Mark Horton '02**, **Mike Ivan**, **Katie Evans '01**, **Andy Seaman '02**, and **Garreth Biegun '01**.

Anne Staples is an assistant professor in the engineering science and mechanics department at Virginia Tech. She writes, "I enjoy the freedom and creativity of leading my own research effort." Anne remembers fondly Charles Williamson's Fluid Mechanics course in MAE, and became a fluid mechanic because of it! **Vanessa Richlin** London moved to Philadelphia in July and had a baby in September. Her husband's fellowship at Willis Eye Hospital prompted the move to Pennsylvania.

That's all for this issue. Please pass along any updates, big or small—we love hearing from you! **Christine Jensen** Weld, ckj1@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

‘George Jaramillo is a historical architect for Yosemite National Park.’

Trina Lee '01

Kara isn't the only one with a mind to be her own boss. **Elissa Palmer** Jackson may currently be making sure the City of L.A. abides by environmental regulations, but she's thinking about developing a business in the fashion industry. In Connecticut, **Brett Wilderman** and **Brandon Hall '01** are two Cornellians that have embarked on a business together. They own and manage commercial real estate in Fairfield County, CT, and are working under the name Forstone Capital.

One member of our class is mixing enterprise and adventure. If you want to wander the wilds of Alaska, then you need to look up **Greg Schlachter**. He's running a company called the Expedition Broker out there, and he'll lead you along a survey of the divide between Alaska and Canada, or any other wild place you want to get to. In the Small World Dept., this magazine received word that Greg had coordinated a "trip of a lifetime" for a descendant of former US surveyor and Cornell professor (Geodesy and Astronomy, 1903-1920) Ora Miner Leland. Prof. Leland had led the Int'l Boundary Commission Party of 1907-1910 that surveyed part of the boundary between Canada and Alaska during border disputes over gold mines, and 2010 marked the 100th anniversary of that expedition. His great-grandson, Carl Kahle, writes, "While the expanse of the Alaskan wilderness is vast and the number of universities in the US to choose from is immense, I found it quite ironic yet fitting that a graduate from the same university at which my great-grandfather lectured would be the person to coordinate my trip of a lifetime. I was able to walk in his footsteps, 100 years later, as I climbed the mountain named after him, Mt. Leland, in Haines, AK."

Poppy Singer, BS HE '97, MA '02, has started an online business, Poppy Singer Designs, selling organic cotton textiles printed with her own designs. She writes, "I have been decorating surfaces since I was a child. I grew up in an artistic family (my father was a professor of Fine Art at

take a photo with all of the Cornellians present—a pretty high-powered group, with an astronomer, a biologist, a physicist, businessmen, a Google employee, a social worker, etc.—and it was pretty incredible to get all of us together." Multiple generations of the Thattai family were also represented. Mukund's father, **Jagannathan Thattai, MS '72 (ORIE)**, is the proud father of three Cornell sons.

Send us an e-mail anytime with your news... or, if you haven't done so yet, return the News Form in your latest class mailing! **Brady Russell**, bradydale@thisiswillpass.com; **Melanie Grayce** West, mga6@cornell.edu; **Taber Sweet**, tabersweet@gmail.com; or **Liz Borod** Wright, lizborod@gmail.com.

OO We have lots of impressive career news to report this month. **Michael Piliero** and **David Landa '99** run Free Association, a small digital agency based in Brooklyn. They provide branding, design, and technology services for global brands and nonprofits. They have ten full-time employees and are growing. Check out <http://thinkfa.com>. Also in the NYC area, **Michelle Li** works in operations and development for Onassis, a collection of hand-made, versatile menswear pieces. She launched a lifestyle menswear brand with the opening of her company's first store in SoHo. Next time you're in NYC, visit the store at 71 Greene Street, between Spring and Broome streets. Michelle now lives in Battery Park City and loves her new place.

In San Francisco, **Ross Siegel** leads business development for Yahoo! Small Business. In Manhattan Beach, CA, **Mike Simms** is the owner of Tin Roof Bistro, a wine country locals' hangout with a casual, fun atmosphere and chef-inspired cuisine. Learn more about the restaurant at <http://www.tinroofbistro.com>. **Pete Ballotta's** company, Teknominds, works with Bay Area startups to grow

O1 Can you believe it's been almost ten years since we graduated from Cornell? How much has—or hasn't—changed in the past ten years? Families started,

graduate degrees obtained, careers started and restarted. Reunion, June 9-12, is the perfect opportunity to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, and reminisce about your great times at Cornell. At reunion, you can enjoy class dinners, receptions, socials, and wine tours while having plenty of time to relax with your friends. Plus, you can partake in hundreds of Cornell-sponsored events, including tent parties, concerts, lectures, symposia, golf, tennis, rock climbing, and a reunion run. Many fraternities and sororities will also host events and there will be youth programs for kids.

We are also looking for classmate help to publicize and plan our reunion. The number one reason why people do not come back is because they do not know who is coming. So please help spread the word. There are also a number of other ways to help with reunion—before, during, and after. Please visit our class website at <http://classof01.alumni.cornell.edu> for a complete list of ways to get involved. And be sure to visit our class Facebook page for reunion updates. If you have any questions or want to help with reunion, contact us at classof2001_reunion@cornell.edu.

Until then, here are a few updates. **Michael, ME '02**, and **Sandy Martisauskas George** welcomed son Connor James into the world on July 7, 2010. Two weeks later, they moved into their new home in Winchester, MA. Congratulations to **Jimmy Vattes**, BS Hotel '04, and **Erin Jones**, who were married on July 10, 2010. **Brad Weinstein**, JD '05, married Bryan Tallevi in Stonington, CT, on November 6, 2010. Guests at the celebration included **Lester Lau**, **Angie Chai**, and **Brian and Eileen Wojtal Yasutis**. Brad is an attorney in the charitable services group at Goldman Sachs.

On Sept. 18, 2010 **Nelson Yip** was married to Laina Vlasnik in Manhattan. They met in November 2006 while volunteering at St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen in Greenwich Village, preparing lunch for the homeless. Family and friends came from all over the country to celebrate the couple and to join in the dancing. Guests included best man **Rodolfo Cuevas**, ME '02, MS '06, and **Bing Mei Schwaller**, ME '02. Nelson works in the energy policy and regulatory affairs department at Con Edison. His work has focused on fast-paced regulatory and legislation changes on topics including reliability issues, climate change, renewable energy, and cyber security. Laina manages the distribution of federal grants for charter schools at New Leaders for New Schools, a nonprofit organization based in Manhattan that recruits, trains, and supports urban public school principals.

Last fall, **Alison Diesel** moved to Bryan, TX, for a position as a lecturer in veterinary dermatology at Texas A&M U. She is enjoying the new challenges of being a faculty member. **Rebecca Hanovice**, JD '04, also changed jobs and is now intellectual property counsel at Callaway Golf Co. in Carlsbad, CA. In June 2010, **Jennifer Radi** Greenberg and husband Brian moved from the Cleveland, OH, area to the Rochester, NY, area, because Brian was recruited to work as an ER attending at Rochester General Hospital. Jennifer enjoys her new job as an office-based pediatrician. Their biggest blessing (and challenge) is their very busy daughter, Meredith Ellen, 2. **George Jaramillo**, BArch '01, never thought that he would be a park ranger, but for the past years he has worked among cliffs, waterfalls, and giant Sequoias as a historical architect for Yosemite National Park. **Sophie Aiyer** is in her final year of a PhD at the U. of Virginia, writing her dissertation and applying for postdocs. **Nicohl Merrill**

(Waterloo, NY) works for Farm Credit East as a loan officer; she and husband Kyle are raising sons Kaleb, 5, and Gavin, 3.

Jon and Jenny Kelsey Mills, MS '05, operate a dairy farm in Canastota, NY, where they milk 150 registered Holsteins. They are also busy raising their children Lilly, 4, and Logan, 2, and showing cattle nationally. Jenny works for Elanco Animal Health as well—as a senior sales representative—and finds working with dairy producers, veterinarians, and the feed industry very rewarding. She keeps in touch with several CALS alumni through her work with the Northeast Dairy Challenge, a program that touches agricultural students from 13 colleges annually, developing their analytical skills on dairy operations. Send news to: [Trina Lee](mailto:Trina.Lee@cornell.edu), TKL6@cornell.edu; or **Lauren Wallach Hammer**, LEW15@cornell.edu.

02 Storm Nolan has a treat for us. While his hotel development is still a bit slow, he's decided to sow his entrepreneurial oats with a new company, CanvasHQ. Upload your photos and Storm will turn them into canvas artwork. Check it out if you have a chance at www.CanvasHQ.com. It's pretty cool.

Perhaps **Tom, PhD '07**, and **Leti McNeill Light** would like to upload a picture of their first child, William Richard, who was born on September 29. Call me crazy, but along with a nice aged port from his birth year, it might be the perfect gift for when he becomes a fourth-generation Cornellian in 2032. Or Storm, maybe you'll have some other customers. **Michael Pecorella** and wife Maureen welcomed the birth of son Evan Michael on August 12. Evan now lives with his proud parents in Lambertville, MI. And **Jonathan and Hadas Rabinowitz Skupsky '05** just had their first daughter, Adina. Jonathan adds, "Hadas and I both graduated medical school at the U. of Maryland and will begin residency in Southern California next summer."

It sounds like **Matthew Lowenbraun** might have some amazing photos from the wedding of classmate **Danny Devinney**, who got married in a spectacular sunset ceremony on the beach in Isla Mujeres, Mexico. If he doesn't, though, there's always the more than 15 alums who attended, including other groomsmen **Morgan Hayes**, **Ryan Lane**, **Jon Eastern '00**, and Danny's little brother **Jesse '05**. Additional witnesses included **Evan Kuhn**, ME '03, **Ryan Stewart**, ME '03, and **John Glauber**.

In a very British update, **Niki Sol** graciously responded to my plea for news with a little morsel of her new educational pursuits. She is currently reading for her PhD in education at the U. of Cambridge in the U.K. She is researching identity development in marginalized US student populations who study abroad. Sounds like a very interesting topic. My hypothesis is that they get the best of both worlds. They can feel pride in their passport, but without all of the shame and frustration that comes with being in such close proximity to a populace that insists on electing people who are just like them, rather than people who are smarter, more experienced, and better equipped for governing.

But as we watch our country lose its Number One rank in so many fields, there is one area where America is still the boss, and that's the movie industry. And part of that industry is our classmate **Ryan Silbert**, who just wrapped producing the feature film *The Girl Is In Trouble*, with executive producer Spike Lee. Also, *God of Love*,

a film he produced with an NYU MFA classmate, has been shortlisted by the AMPAS for the 2011 Oscar race in the short-film category.

The other day I went home to Vermont, and my 5-year-old nephew made me play Deer Drive, and I started to tear up as the monster buck I shot slowly fell to its knees, tried to take another step, and then slumped to the ground as the life drained from its body. "It's not real, Uncle Jeff," he tells me. But you could have fooled me. So I have an idea I'd like to pass on to **Renese Rhoden**, senior consultant at the gaming and leisure consulting firm the Innovation Group, out of Orlando, FL. I need more games where one rides around on unicorns and slides down rainbows, or perhaps a game where you shoot lasers that destroy tar balls floating in the Gulf. Is that too much to ask? I know that Renese is very busy, having spent two years working with clients in various parts of North and Central America on emerging gaming projects and other leisure developments, and especially now with the potential legalization of I-Gaming and a new project working with the Costa Rican government on a convention center project. But perhaps my voice will be heard and next Christmas I can ride around on a unicorn, slide down a rainbow, and shoot a tar ball with a laser.

Ruthie Levy has been running a lot and getting dirty doing it. In October she ran with **Doug Mitarotonda**, PhD '09, in a seven-mile mud and obstacle race at the Bear Valley Ski Resort. Two months later she ran the California Int'l Marathon Relay. All the running must have made her awfully hungry because she felt compelled to organize a dinner for the Cornell Engineering co-op students in the Bay Area (and a separate lunch on the following day) on behalf of the Cornell Engineering Alumni Association, of which she is a member. **Ed Choi** was at the dinner as well, and they got to enjoy a couple of delicious meals with 11 students from the Class of 2012. "It was great to meet the students and hear their experiences," writes Ruthie. "It sounded like they were enjoying the work and will all be back next summer to complete their co-op."

Thanks for reading . . . and you know you don't have to wait for our solicitations to share news. If something happens, and you have a minute, just send a quick e-mail to Carolyn or me and we'll do the rest. [Jeff Barker](mailto:Jeff.Barker@cornell.edu), jrb41@cornell.edu; **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu.

03 Naomi Rothwell wrote that she misses the snowy days of Cornell. Well, given what I've been hearing about winter on the East Coast this year, my guess is she's getting a little recap! Naomi is living in New York and working as an executive legal recruiter. In her spare time, she volunteers and organizes fundraisers for City Harvest. **Michael Rutenberg** has been working for football teams since graduation. He's now in his second year as the defensive backs coach at New Mexico State U. **Milee Shah Pam**, **MHA '03**, recently relocated to Southern California from Boston. She is an internal process improvement consultant for MemorialCare Health System.

Meghan Nutting has been with SolarCity, a solar installer and financier, for a year. She recently became the director of government affairs. In May 2010 **Beth Altshuler** (Oakland, CA) graduated from a dual master's program at UC Berkeley in public health and city and regional planning. In October, Beth started working at the urban

planning consulting firm Raimi + Associates in Berkeley as their epidemiologist/urban planner helping cities and counties work toward social/environmental justice and health equity through planning and public health analysis and policy. **Crystal Shrestha** Dickson (Bethlehem, PA) is a second-year orthopaedic resident. She adds, "Unfortunately, no time for anything else!"

Anne Marino writes, "I married Doug Looney on October 2 in Florham Park, NJ. My sister **Laura Marino** Monaco '01 was my matron of honor, and **Katija Koehler** was in the wedding party. Also in attendance were **Megan Gentile**, **Natalie Torsiello** '02, **Jillian Timmermans** '02, and **Kathryn Diemert** '01. After a wonderful wedding we left for a two-week honeymoon in French Polynesia. When we got back I started my new job as the gourmet cookware buyer for Macy's." Congratulations, Anne!

Narisa Ratana-Chen writes, "I recently married **James Chen** '02, ME '03, my boyfriend of five years and fellow Cornell alum. We wed on September 19 at Battery Park in New York. James and I never knew each other while at Cornell, but are so happy we crossed paths in Seattle back in 2005." Narisa has also been enjoying the outdoors in Seattle "before the rainy, gray weather returns—taking walks with **Amy Augsburger** Bohlander, who just returned to Seattle!" That reminds me of the time delay on these updates—because the rainy, gray Seattle weather is definitely here now.

Wesley Card, BS Ag '07 (Jennings, LA) works in the family business, Merrimack Valley Apiaries Inc., and enclosed his business card. Per the Internet, the company operates over 12,000 bee colonies nationwide providing NUCs (replacement hives), pollination services, raw and processed honey, and processed beeswax. Wesley writes, "I got married on October 23, 2010 and recently moved to Louisiana to manage our acquisition and expansion into southwest Louisiana. I enjoy the warmer weather here. My greatest challenge is maintaining healthy and productive stock during the uncertain times in the today's beekeeping. I volunteer at the Jefferson Davis Parish Fire Dept. It is a great way to meet people, get involved, and help the community, too."

Christina Nocerino Miles (Novato, CA) just changed jobs to be an account director for PRA Int'l in the CRO industry. Per their website, PRA Int'l is one of the world's leading clinical research organizations (CRO), conducting clinical trials in more than 85 countries across six continents. "Husband Mark and I also had another baby, Annabella, who is now 1. My son Andrew is 3. Delta Gamma sorority continues to play a part in my life." **Bonnie Arzuaga** and her husband had their second child, Lyla Elena, in August. "We're both finishing residency this year and will be moving to Chicago in June for new physician jobs." **Alexa Barron** recently started a cosmetics company based on crowd sourcing. She invites classmates to check it out at www.lexcosmetics.com.

Well, that's all the news for now. Please send in your stories, adventures, and accomplishments. Sam and I love to hear from you. The news cycle has been slower lately. This must mean that many of you are out and about on adventures and that any moment you'll be sending me updates of your explorations! You can always count on Sam and me to make sure your news gets out to all our classmates, near and far, through *Cornell Alumni Magazine*. Contact us at: ✉ Sudha.Nandagopal@cornell.edu; sn58@cornell.edu; **Samantha Buckingham** Noonan, swnoonan@gmail.com, or via Facebook (Cornell Class of 2003).

O4 We've been hearing from quite a few classmates this season!

Carolyn Fredericks, ME '05, sends greetings from Colorado, where she is an operations research analyst at Science Applications Int'l Corp. Lately, she has been enjoying her puppy, Gizmo, hiking, skiing, and triathlone—all good things to do while traveling in the western US. She remains involved in the Colorado Cornell Club and CAAAN. **Michael Quinn**, a third-year student at Albany Law School, sends his hellos. **Jennifer Grauer** has been promoted to writer/producer at HBO, where she has been working since graduation. She also recorded her debut solo album, "A Million Fires," which will be released in February 2011, along with the music video for the title track. Now at a PhD program in geography at Clark U., **Melanie Vanderhoof** focuses her research on the effect of disturbances on the carbon, water, and energy dynamics of forest ecosystems.

Mary Tisi Fuduric sends sweet shout-outs to Pi Beta Phi! She is a custom development manager at Nestlé and enjoys work, traveling, and getting married. Intramural soccer, a significant pursuit during her time at Cornell, continues to play a big part in her life. **Max** and **Serena Stein Rakhlin** send greetings from New York City. **Esther Pullen** writes from Florida, where she enjoys running marathons. "I ran the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC, as my first last fall, qualified for Boston, then ran that in April. I took some time off during the summer, but am back in training for the Miami Marathon in January." Speaking of marathons, **Meera Ramakrishnan** writes, "I am doing well, finishing up my residency in internal medicine here at Rush in Chicago (will be done June 2011). I plan to work as a hospitalist for a year and apply for a sports medicine fellowship." She's done four marathons so far, one every year of her residency and one in med school (NYC twice and Chicago twice). "Last year, I ran Chicago for the American Cancer Society and raised more than \$1,200. I try to do other races throughout the year, ranging anywhere from 5K to half-marathons. Definitely keeps me sane when things get crazy." A track and field participant at Cornell, **Stephanie Anderson** Harris, writes in from Ohio, where she is working on a PhD in nutritional biochemistry and human metabolism.

Congrats are in order for **Carolyn Sieffert**. She writes, "In September, I married Justin Heminger, a lawyer I met down here in Washington, DC. He isn't a Cornellian, but he's still pretty fantastic! We had many Cornellians in attendance at the wedding, including **Sarah Pettengill**, **Michelle Crocco-Ogle**, **Liz Blidner** Derham, **Meghan Hatfield**, **Erik** and **Beth Fischer Gilje**, **Meghan DUBYAK**, and **Jennifer Hicks**. After the wedding, we went on a two-week honeymoon to Hawaii and are now settling into our home in Arlington, VA."

Amy Bravo works in theatre and loves her job as a shopper and occasional wardrobe supervisor. She says there are challenges within the field caused by the recession, and adds that Cornell continues to play a part in her life: "Courses, definitely. I am working in my field of study and I still keep in touch with my advisor." **Drew Odum** joined Tucker Ellis & West LLP as an associate in the firm's Cleveland, OH, office, where he is a member of the trial department, focusing his practice on mass tort and product liability. He earned his JD from the Cleveland-Marshall School of Law in 2010. While attending law school Drew served on the board of governors of the Moot Court Team, was awarded the Black Law

Student Association Outstanding Service Award and the Louis Stokes Scholarship, and won first place Best Brief at the FBA Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition. Previously, Drew worked for three years in the Atlanta Public School System as a fifth grade teacher through the Teach for America program.

If you're in the East Village in New York City, you may run into **Todd Felleman**, who just moved back to the area he loves. He is a senior marketing strategist in Google's financial services department and a junior board member of the I Have a Dream Foundation. **Daniel Hormaza** (Rochester, NY), the fuser recuperation project manager at Xerox in Webster, NY, writes: "In the summer I travel a lot and enjoy the warm weather as much as possible! This summer the highlight was going to the British Virgin Islands. I've also been working on remodeling areas of my house. At work it has been busy with cost down opportunities that we look for on recuperation of fusers." He continues to volunteer from time to time. ✉ **Anne C. Jones**, iamAnneJones@gmail.com.

O5 Hello, Class of 2005! I am thrilled to be writing to you for the first time as class correspondent. I absolutely loved getting everyone's updates in the mail and seeing what some of you have been up to! One consistent trend throughout the reports was weddings.

Sarah Runnells was happy to announce her marriage to **C. J. Martin**, MBA '08, which took place in Malvern, PA, in May. Six members of the wedding party were Cornellians! **Jacqueline Conti** and **David Rimshnick** were married on October 30. **Lea Filippone** and **David Surrey** were also married this past summer and live in Philadelphia. **Amanda Brown** Fiske spent most of the past year planning for her September 4 wedding and is now relaxing, spending time with her husband, and playing with her dogs. She is also doing lots of landscaping work and design for her friends, family, and co-workers and volunteers at Blasco Memorial Library in Erie, PA. Lastly, my senior year housemate **Mary Turnipseed** was married to **Joseph Lemberg**; they live in Oakland, CA.

A few of our classmates are still calling Ithaca and the vicinity home. **Dominic Frongillo** lives just outside of Ithaca in Caroline, where he was born and raised. He is a member of the Caroline Town Council and is truly enjoying supporting community energy independence. **Thomas Balcerski** was drawn back by the consistent quality of Cornell's graduate program and began his PhD in 2009. He is currently a graduate resident fellow at the Flora Rose House on West Campus. He says, "Being an alumnus and graduate student is an interesting mixture between institutional loyalty and professional activity." When he's not working on his PhD, he is bowling in the Wednesday night mixed league at Helen Newman Lanes and serving as the chapter advisor to Acacia fraternity. Additionally, he leads a book club on American history at Buffalo Street Books in downtown Ithaca. Thomas is one busy guy!

Thomas Nolte reports that he is moving through his first year of law school. He is enrolled at Albany Law School and lives in Saratoga Springs, NY. **Cassandra Kalaf** is also busy with law school. She is at the UC Hastings College of Law in San Francisco. She is specializing in health law and will graduate in 2012. **Kristen Keryk**, MPS/MAT '08, has moved to Long Island.

She teaches agriculture at John Browne High School in Flushing, Queens.

One of the best things about Cornell was the geographic diversity of the student body. This trend continues well after graduation. Our alumni are not only spread throughout the US, but around the world as well. No one can attest to this better than **Ben Cavender**. Ben is an associate principal at China Market Research Group. Headquartered in Shanghai, this startup marketing research firm continues to prosper. Ben especially enjoys his work in second- and third-tier cities and has even started his very own radio show!

Sometimes I can't get over that we graduated almost six years ago. Some days Cornell seems so far away, while on others it is just around the corner. One thing that seems to keep Cornell close is the alumni I meet in Seattle. In the past two years, I have forged friendships with **Manuela Hess**, **Luke Reynolds '04**, **Molly Lebowitz '07**, and **Norah Kates '07**. Between the three classes, we have enough stories to keep our minds off the Seattle rain.

I hope everyone enjoys the first signs of spring. Keep the updates and the stories coming! **Hilary Johnson**, haj4@cornell.edu; **Michelle Wong**, mrw29@cornell.edu; **Johnny Chen**, jc362@cornell.edu.

06 Spring is almost here! Look for the class's annual News and Dues letter (coming soon!) and send us an update on your life. What are you up to these days? Where are you living? Do you have a cool job? Are you doing any volunteer work? Are you recently married? Have you moved? Traveled the world? Taken a really great vacation?

Send news of what's happening in your life, and we will be sure to write about you in one of our upcoming class columns. We want to share news from as many of you as possible, and are depending on you to keep our columns interesting. Send in the News Form or write us any time of year at the following addresses. Thanks for staying in touch! **Kate DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu.

07 **Paulvalery Roulette** proposed to **Jeannine Vaughn** at the top of McGraw Tower in June 2009. A year later, on July 9, 2010, the two were wed, with many of our fellow Cornellians in attendance. The happy couple resides in Brookline, MA, where Jeannine is pursuing a Master of Education in preventive science at Harvard Graduate School of Education and Paul is finishing his fourth year at Harvard Medical School.

One of the Roulette-Vaughn wedding attendees, **Adam Hollier**, received a master's in urban planning from the U. of Michigan in 2009. After earning his degree, Adam began working for former state representative (MI-5) Bert Johnson, now a state senator (MI-2), as his chief of staff. Through his work in the representative's office, he has had the opportunity to work on several projects in Detroit including community empowerment, education reform, regional transit authority, and aerotropolis economic development, to name a few. "I absolutely love my job," says Adam. "On any given day I have the opportunity to change the course of thousands of people's lives." Adam also served an appointment to the mayor's Detroit Works project, tasked with revising the city. He bought his first home in

Detroit (built circa 1922) and has been restoring it in his spare time.

Ashley Barry has spent the past four years living in Manhattan and now works as the marketing manager for the Cornell Club-New York. **Krystle Nova** graduated from Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in New York City in June 2010. While awaiting the results from the New York and New Jersey Bar exams, she is working as a judicial law clerk for the Hon. Kevin G. Callahan in the New Jersey Superior Court.

After graduating from the U. of Michigan School of Law, **Andrew Gioia** moved to West Chester, PA, and joined the law firm of Rubin, Fortunato & Harbison PC as an associate. Based in Philadelphia, the firm represents individuals and corporations in employment matters. Prior to attending law school, Andrew interned with the Heritage Foundation in Washington, DC, and with the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, in Philadelphia, PA, conducting policy and legal research. **Matt Fitzgerald** (Las Vegas, NV) is an Air

Force engineer in the combat engineering unit, supporting contingency operations and special operations worldwide. One of the missions Matt went on recently was a five-month humanitarian deployment to the Darién Gap region of Panama, which involved "the creation and maintenance of a fully functioning forward operating base, while providing much needed services and infrastructure" to the region. Last fall **Matthew Korobkin** began his first year in the inaugural class of the U. of Massachusetts School of Law and is slated to earn his JD in 2014. He hopes to pursue a career in special education law. Matthew graduated from the U. of Pennsylvania in 2008 with a master's in education policy and lives outside of Boston, MA, where he works for a public education service agency as a special education consultant.

Shylene Mata, MPA '08, graduated from the Cornell Inst. of Public Affairs and now works at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, DC. She was wed in July 2010 and is very much enjoying married life. She'll soon apply to doctoral programs and is looking forward to this new phase of her life. **Tess Brandon** has been living in Washington, DC, since October 2007 and working as a satellite oceanographer for the NOAA National Oceanographic Data Center. In her spare time, you can find her with the 18th Street Singers, a choral group composed of young D.C.-area professionals. The group has sung at great venues all over the city, including the Kennedy Center, the National Gallery of Art, and the President's tree-lighting ceremony! Thank you for sending in your updates for our class column and please keep 'em coming! Just shoot an e-mail any time to your class correspondent: **Marianna Gomez**, MariannaAGomez@gmail.com.

08 Greetings, Class of '08ers! I hope that everyone has been enjoying the first few months of the New Year! We have quite a few updates to share with you. **Becky Wolozin** writes to tell us that

she is still in Washington, DC, working at the Federal Trade Commission. She has applied to both law school and grad school to do a concurrent or dual degree in law and international education. **Jonathan Tamayo** is still playing poker for a living and "enjoying it way more than a 9 to 5 job (or 8 to 6 for that matter). I spend about 15 weeks a year on the road, and about six of it consecutively in Las Vegas during the summer for the World Series of Poker." **Ka Yip**, ME '09, has been working at Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals in Ridgefield, CT, for a little more than a year as a chemical engineer. Although she works during

the week, on the weekend she travels throughout New England to visit friends and family. Ka has also picked up photography as a hobby and is in the process of starting a small business on the side sometime in the near future.

Jennifer Bakalar writes that she began a two-year research fellowship at the National Inst. of Mental Health this summer and started her PhD in the dual-track medical and clinical

psychology program at the Uniformed Services U. of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in Bethesda, MD. She has joined the Laboratory for the Treatment of Suicide-Related Ideation and Behavior under the supervision of Dr. Marjan Holloway, with a research focus on the mechanisms of interpersonal distress and conflict as precipitants for suicide-related behavior in active-duty US servicemembers. **Nick Ahn** is a second-year medical student at Penn State College of Medicine. He tells us that he will graduate in 2013; for the next several years, he just has more school and clinical training.

Morgan Patricia Beschle, BA '07, has been working and living in Portland, ME, since graduation. "I recently got a new position as an operations analyst at Health Dialog and am enjoying it a great deal! I'm also working on a master's in public policy and management part-time and will be done at the end of 2011 (cross my fingers!). I still keep in touch with many of my good friends from Cayuga Lodge, the Cornell Chorus, and COE, but miss them all dearly." **Adam Beece** is a PhD student in the Dept. of Electrical, Computer, and Systems Engineering (ECSE) at Rensselaer Polytechnic Inst. Adam earned a highly competitive fellowship offered through the Semiconductor Research Corporation (SRC). This fellowship is reserved for the nation's most promising future researchers. Adam is one of eight US doctoral students to receive a GRC fellowship in 2010—and the first Rensselaer student in a decade to earn the award.

Ben Staadecker (Seattle, WA) is a commercial realtor for Staadecker Real Estate. He looks for sites, calls brokers, finds landlords and tenants, and keeps everyone coordinated—quite a few responsibilities! "Life is awesome," he says, between work, going to weddings, festivals, and parades, and hosting visitors. He also plays football, bikes, dances, has dinner with friends, practices yoga, and plays Go. He's been learning how to play the drums, paint, and make clothes. He fondly remembers those February nights sitting in the Binenkorb Lab with friends over cups of hot chocolate. He would

‘Running keeps me sane when things get crazy.’

Meera Ramakrishnan '04

most like to hear from faculty members Steve Carvell, Bill Carroll, **Rus Lloyd, PhD '95**, Cathy Enz, or Craig Snow—since “professors can be friends too!” That’s all the updates for now. Be sure to keep us posted! ■ **Libby Boymel**, lkb24@cornell.edu; and **Elana Beale**, erb26@cornell.edu.

09 **Dan Kubis** lives in the Washington, DC, area and works for Choice Hotels Int’l. Since graduating, rock climbing has become a hobby of his. **Justin Mortensen** moved from Cape May, NJ, for a promotion and now works at Farm Credit East ACA in Middleboro, MA. He lives on the south coast of the state. His recent travels include a trip to Vegas with fellow alumni and a fishing trip to Canada. **Craig Maybee**, BS HE ’08, is a US Army officer working in Germany.

For some of us, post-graduate life includes ongoing school daze. **Brian Mumper** is currently in a PhD program in Classics at Rutgers U. **Fran-sheska Ovalles** is in her second year of dental school at Boston U.’s School of Dental Medicine. **Jane Olin-Ammentorp** moved to England to do a master’s in global governance and diplomacy at the U. of Oxford. **Tara Tavernia** and **Mike Myers** met in Mary Donlon Hall freshman year! Tara

have utilized their experiences during Cornell to make a difference in the world.

Former *Daily Sun* editor-in-chief **Emily Cohn** recently joined former *Sun* columnist **Andrew Daines** at Pre Play Sports LLC, a company he formed last April. After getting approval from Apple, the Pre Play Sports Football App launched on September 12, introducing the first-ever mobile application that allows players to predict what will happen next in a live sporting event. The team moved into its first office in Manhattan last August and all visitors are welcome to stop by! Not to be outdone by his entrepreneurial peers, ILR grad **Benjamin Roberts** works with Merrill Lynch in Manhattan and has launched a Web-based business called Terran Exchange that was the brainchild of a project he completed in his senior year at Cornell. It was featured in *EZRA* magazine. Terran Exchange gives commercial software developers an open, free-market system in which to present their products; users can rate, review, and purchase limited licenses, and, through social media, freelancers and companies can interact with a live community of buyers. Benjamin says he wants Terran Exchange to give smaller application software companies the ability to compete with the much larger companies that currently dominate the market. Additionally, with the support

off.” **Samuel Sveen** is focusing his energies on his one-man-band, Elsa and the awesomeAWESOMES, which is signed on Angry Mom Records and released a 7-inch vinyl record in August. He has a Winter Season ukulele cassette tape coming out soon as well. “Besides being a coffee snob barista at Gimme! Coffee, I am in charge of launching Ithaca’s First Friday Gallery Night at Urban Outfitters, organizing monthly art and music shows,” he writes. Sam’s own art was shown at Gimme! in January and at Urban Outfitters in February. Eager and ambitious as he is, Sam says, “Give me five years and I’ll be on the cover of *Rolling Stone*!” So we have it on record here and we plan to hold him to it at our first reunion.

In today’s globalized and interconnected world, it is not surprising that we have a number of internationally focused global citizens leaving their mark in various regions of the planet. **Froilan Malit Jr.** is balancing the completion of numerous papers on immigration, including “Migration Views from Children Left Behind: Perspectives and Policy Recommendations” and “The Influx of Motor Vehicles in the Rural Areas: Impacts on Unionized Tricycle Drivers,” while spending time with his family and focusing on his political and academic pursuits in the Philippines. Froilan has been working with key stakeholders in his community so he can better improve the networks and operations of the NGO he founded. He concludes, “Cornell has given me so much opportunity and it helped me network very easily with top key government and academic leaders in the Philippines.”

After going back home to his family’s cranberry farm in Massachusetts, **William McCaffrey** found out about a Haitian family that wanted to start an agriculture school in their home country. William needed no more reason to travel to northern Haiti to provide his expertise. William explains, “Haiti’s got a lot of problems, but growing up on a farm and majoring in Agricultural Sciences, I felt particularly drawn to the issue of farmers lacking some really rudimentary knowledge in farming—techniques for soil improvement/fertilizers, compost, nutrient cycling, irrigation, etc.” William is also assisting with basic financial analysis to see if an enterprise is worth starting, and experiments with varietal improvement of different crops. **Ben Cole** has been working for Google as a technology pioneer, traveling around the world helping Google build and launch new technologies in emerging markets. He helped launch Google Trader in Ghana, after getting 200 Nigerian small businesses online with websites and e-mail addresses. Ben, who at the time of writing was in Singapore, could be in Hong Kong, China, or Thailand right now; to read about his travels, visit his blog, “Google’s Man in Africa.”

Hotel school grad **Rebekah Falcone** is headed to Kenya for ten weeks to help at a school and orphanage in the bush. She will also help start a local microfinance program with the school’s director and possibly help plan a small hotel on Lake Victoria that will help fund the school and orphanage. We hope she enjoys all the sights and sounds that Kenya has to offer. **Bahirah Adewunmi** moved to Washington, DC, to work for the National Council of Churches until January 2011, and then went off to Brussels, Belgium, to work with Pax Christi, an NGO that advocates for peace and justice. We greatly enjoy reading about and sharing your intriguing experiences. Please keep your updates coming and send them over to: ■ **Rammy Salem**, rms84@cornell.edu; or **Michael Beyman**, mjb262@cornell.edu.

‘To Rinti Mukherjee, Davis is the Ithaca of the West Coast.’

Caroline Newton ’09

is a second-year student at the U. of Chicago Law School and Mike works as a chemical engineer at Dow Corning in Midland, MI.

Estelle Meunier and **Austin Zwick** have commenced study at Cornell for their master’s in Public Administration. One time on the Hill wasn’t enough! Ditto for **Angela Morel**, who spent this past summer working in the Bay Area (Sunnyvale, CA) at HP-Palm GBU in supply chain operations, then returned to Ithaca for the second year of her MBA at the Johnson Graduate School of Management. She will return to HP in June as a materials manager for new product introduction. **Rinti Mukherjee** is enjoying grad school life at UC Davis, studying for her PhD in pharmacology and toxicology. Being in the “biking capital of the country,” she has picked up the sport as a new hobby. To Rinti, Davis is the Ithaca of the West Coast, with its agricultural feel, farmers’ markets, and—of course—interesting townies.

Class of ’09ers, please share your story with the class by sending an update to one of your class correspondents: ■ **Caroline Newton**, cmn35@cornell.edu; **Julie Cantor**, jlc252@cornell.edu.

10 Greetings, Class of 2010. At around this time last year we were all getting ready to embark on our last Spring Break from Cornell and enjoying the halcyon final days of our undergraduate collegiate careers. Rest assured that all of those all-nighters and near all-nighters, and the constant supply of coffee and/or energy drinks, will soon pay off; that is, if you have not noticed the payoff already. What follows is evidence of how our classmates

of Tommy Bruce, Cornell’s vice president of communications, Benjamin would like to develop a young alumni entrepreneurship council that spotlights startup businesses on the East Coast—a sort of Silicon Alley brain trust.”

Mariana Giron has worked at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, conducting epidemiology/biostatistics research, since June. She is learning how to play the guitar and has been training for the National Half-Marathon in March; we wish her the best of luck, as well as congratulations on her acceptance into medical school. She will start in the fall of 2011. Another noteworthy accomplishment belongs to **Elizabeth Pines**, who organized a bake sale that raised \$2,000 for pediatric cancer research in September. “It was a great experience,” said Elizabeth. “Local pastry chefs and pastry schools donated a lot of products, not to mention all the baked goods; my family and friends donated as well.”

Fernando Montejo answered the call to service issued by President Barack Obama and NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg by joining the NYC Civic Corps-AmeriCorps Program. He works at the NYC Housing Authority to organize volunteer-driven “Resident Green Committees” in housing developments. These committees educate and encourage residents to adopt more sustainable and energy-efficient lifestyles, thereby preserving public housing and the planet. Fernando writes, “I feel fortunate to have found a service opportunity that both correlates with my interests and introduces me to countless social, political, and environmental issues in New York City.” He has especially benefited from the networking skills he learned at Cornell, which he says are “definitely paying

'31 LLB—**R. Smith Simpson** of Charlottesville, VA, formerly of Annandale, VA, September 5, 2010; Foreign Service officer; pressed for improvements in teaching, assigning, and promoting applicants to careers in diplomacy; participated in drafting the United Nations charter; author of *Anatomy of the State Department* and other books; editor; taught at the Wharton School and Georgetown U.; int'l advisor to the US Labor Dept.; active in professional affairs.

'32 BA—**Margaret Wilkinson** Schenck of Bradenton, FL, January 9, 2010. Delta Gamma.

'36 BA, MA '37—**Maryelizabeth Wellington** Crandall of Cincinnati, OH, September 7, 2010; biochemist; taught science courses at Temple U.; technician, Mayo Clinic; active in community and religious affairs.

'36 BS Ag, PhD '41—**Henry M. Munger** of Ithaca, NY, August 25, 2010; professor emeritus, Dept. of Vegetable Crops, Cornell U.; developed disease-resistant vegetable varieties; first inductee, Horticultural Hall of Fame; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'37 BS Hotel—**Robert C. Snyder** of West Covina, CA, August 31, 2010. Sigma Nu.

'38 BS HE—**Betty Jokl** Brodt of Saint Paul, MN, August 29, 2010. Alpha Omicron Pi.

'38-40 SP Ag—**Stanley S. Karboski** of Amboy, NY, August 6, 2010; operated GLF-Agway feed stores; veteran; commando in Darby's Rangers; active in community affairs.

'39 BEE—**Walter E. Gregg Jr.** of Kilmarnock, VA, September 6, 2010; engineer; manufacturer's rep in the power transmission field; VP and regional sales manager, Eaton Corp.; also worked for Jokell; sailor; active in alumni affairs. Phi Gamma Delta.

'39 BS Ag—**Oliver J. Stark** of Westhampton, NJ, August 15, 2010; botanist, Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'40, BCE '41—**Vincent A. Brennan** of Lynn, MA, June 16, 2006; owner, Economical Services.

'40 BA—**Phyllis Rahlson** Eakin of La Jolla, CA, June 28, 2010; worked in the aero engineering section, General Dynamics Convair; technical writer, Megatex; worked in computer science, UC San Diego; ESL instructor; musician; gardener; active in community affairs.

'40 BA, B Chem E '41—**Frederick Fahnoe** of Hockessin, DE, September 20, 2010; chemical engineer; director of corporate planning, Nat'l Distillers and Chemical Co.; also worked for M.W. Kellogg Co., General Aniline and Film Corp., and Dow Chemical; veteran; author; active in professional affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.

'40 BS Ag—**Col. Donald J. Spittler** of Lake View, NY, August 30, 2010; retired US Army colonel; wildlife biologist; property appraiser, New York Dept. of Mental Hygiene and US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development; veteran; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Tau Kappa Epsilon.

'41, BS Ag '42—**Robert L. Cornelius** of Jacksonville, FL, November 13, 2009.

'41, BS Ag '42—**Col. David R. Longacre** of Sanford, NC, February 14, 2009; veteran. Zeta Psi.

'41—**David Sherbon** of Kentfield, CA, January 24, 2006; psychiatrist; sculptor; painter; active in community affairs.

'43 MD—**William A. Dickson** of South Orleans, MA, August 31, 2010; pediatrician; public health physician; senior associate, Bromley-Heath Health Center; practiced at AIM Clinic; served on Orleans Board of Health; veteran; ham radio operator; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'44 DVM—**Dewitt T. Baker** of Corning, NY, September 3, 2010; veterinarian; veteran; active in civic and community affairs. Omega Tau Sigma.

'44, BS Hotel '47—**Robert P. Bryant** of Gwynedd, PA, September 6, 2010; VP, Marriott; president, Dobbs; vice chair, Carson Pirie Scott; veteran; civil rights activist; active in civic and community affairs. Pi Delta Theta.

'44, BA '43—**Bernard Scheffler** of Oak Ridge, TN, formerly of Celo, NC, and Rock Hill, SC, September 2, 2010; laboratory director, South Carolina Printing and Finishing Co.; also worked for Dan River Corp. and Kellex Corp.; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'45—**Betty J. Davis** of Gouverneur, NY, August 30, 2010; librarian; women's program coordinator, SUNY ATC; staff member, NY Republican State Committee; asst. advertising manager, *Gouverneur Tribune Press*; editor, Pan American Union; active in civic and community affairs.

'45, BS Ag '47—**George H. Martin** of Honeoye Falls, NY, August 18, 2010; VP, Shearson Lehman American Express; president, Dutch Hollow Foods; veteran; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Alpha Chi Rho.

'45, BS Hotel '48—**Philip K. Reiman** of Falmouth, ME, September 5, 2010; executive director, Maine Medical Center and Southern Maine Medical Center; also worked at the Graduate Hospital, U. of Pennsylvania, and St. Luke's, Saginaw, MI; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'45—**Robert E. Underhill** of Poughkeepsie, NY, August 31, 2010; co-owner, Underhill Brothers Farms; served on the board of NYS Fish and

Wildlife Mgmt.; active in community and professional affairs.

'46, BA '45—**Lillian Cutolo** Binsky of Plantation, FL, June 8, 2010.

'46 BS HE—**Alma L. Cook** of Syracuse, NY, August 31, 2010; retired kindergarten teacher; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'46 BS Nurs—**Florence Abrahamson** Ganezer of Los Angeles, CA, September 29, 2009.

'46, B Chem E '50—**William L. Graves** of Boulder, CO, September 17, 2010; engineer, Budd Co., SUNY Stony Brook, and Brookhaven Nat'l Laboratory; developed alternative energy technologies; author; veteran; active in community affairs. Wife, Joan (Ince) '49.

'46 BA, MEd '49—**Evelyn Carlson** Kent of Sarasota, FL, and Highlands, NC, September 12, 2010; owner, Hillview Flowers and Greenery; assistant dean of women, Salem College; active in religious and alumni affairs. Phi Delta Theta. Husband, Wendel F. Kent '49.

'46—**Joel N. Kutz** of Sarasota, FL, September 10, 2008; veterinarian; founder, Brockport Animal Hospital; veteran; woodworker; sailor.

'47 BCE—**Francis J. D'Alba** of Ormond Beach, FL, September 6, 2010; VP, Urban Engineers of Erie and John H. Robinson Testing; executive director, Yonkers Parking Authority; senior civil engineer, New York City Dept. of Civil Defense; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'47 BCE—**Harry G. Petrey** of Bowling Green, KY, September 4, 2010; civil and structural engineer; veteran; active in religious affairs. Chi Epsilon. Wife, Genevieve (Frederick) '48.

'47 BS Ag—**Joan Weisberg** Schulman of Santa Rosa, CA, May 11, 2010; active in alumni affairs.

'47, BME '46—**Sawyer Thompson Jr.** of Juno Beach, FL, September 6, 2010; president, Thompson Associates; engineer, Pratt & Whitney; taught business courses at Palm Beach Comm. College and Florida Atlantic U.; veteran; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Theta Chi.

'47 PhD—**Charles H. Uhl** of Jefferson, GA, formerly of Ithaca, NY, August 29, 2010; professor emeritus of plant biology, Cornell U.; expert on the cytogenetics of the stoncrop family; author; active in professional affairs. Wife, Natalie (Whitford), PhD '47.

'47 BME—**Richard W. Young** of Loveland, OH, September 20, 2010; retired district manger, Combustion Engineering; veteran.

'48 MS HE—**Virginia Wilson** Baron of Chapel Hill, NC, August 31, 2010; professor emerita of clothing design, U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; also taught at U. of Tennessee. Husband, Samuel H. Baron '42.

'48—**Irene Sabo** Corcoran of Westport, CT, formerly of Moorestown, NJ, August 23, 2010; director, Moorestown Theater; insurance agent; first octogenarian to graduate from Sarah Lawrence College; active in civic and community affairs.

'48 BS Hotel—R. Davis Cutting of Ithaca, NY, September 9, 2010; auto dealer, Cutting Motors; co-founder, Tompkins County Area Development; established Cayuga Venture Fund to attract high-tech companies; helped secure financing to bring the Boyce Thompson Inst. to Cornell U.; worked with BorgWarner to secure financing and land in Lansing, NY; former president, McGraw House; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Chi Phi.

'48 MA, PhD '53—Harold V. Gould of Woodland Hills, CA, September 11, 2010; veteran character actor; played recurring roles on "Rhoda," "The Golden Girls," and other TV shows; Emmy nominee; appeared in the movies *Harper*, *The Sting*, *Silent Movie*, *Love and Death*, *Freaky Friday*, and *Patch Adams*; stage actor; drama professor, UC Riverside and Randolph-Macon Women's College; veteran; active in professional and alumni affairs. Wife, Lea (Shampanier) '48, MA '50.

'48 BA—Frank G. Grabowski of West Springfield, MA, September 3, 2010; founder and president, Atwood Detective Agency; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'48—Daphne Christie Kohler of Corvallis, OR, formerly of Maumee, OH, September 15, 2010; home economics teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'48 BS HE—Marjorie Wright Mueller of Austin, TX, September 16, 2010; swimming coach; active in alumni affairs.

'48 Med—Raymond W. Van Giesen of Fayetteville, NY, August 31, 2010; career counselor, Central City Business Inst.; district superintendent, Fayetteville-Manlius school districts; active in community and professional affairs.

'49 MS HE—Ruth Fenton Bascom of Eugene, OR, August 25, 2010; retired mayor of Eugene, OR; active in civic and alumni affairs.

'49—Lt. Col. Fred W. Dollar of Bryan, TX, September 5, 2010; retired US Army officer; innovator in food service and safety; director emeritus of Food Service, Texas A&M; introduced the first food court on a college campus; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'49 BS ORIE—George F. Rogalsky Jr. of Gladwyne, PA, August 10, 2010; engineer; veteran; glee club enthusiast; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Chi Phi.

'49 MD—Wayne S. Rogers of Melbourne, FL, September 16, 2010; chief of ob/gyn and former chief of staff, Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, Miami, FL; clinical associate professor and chief of academic services, U. of Miami School of Medicine; veteran; author; active in community and professional affairs.

'49 PhD—Steven E. Schanes of San Diego, CA, September 18, 2010; academic dean, U. of San Diego; taught at Boston U., Rutgers, and Seton Hall U.; director of pensions, State of New Jersey; VP, Martin E. Segal; first exec. director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp.; special asst. to the secretary, US Dept. of Commerce; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'50-52 MET E—Thomas M. Baatz of Napoleon, OH, March 16, 2010; managing engineer, General Motors Foundry Division. Triangle.

'50 BA—James L. Hall of Elmira, NY, August 2, 2010; attorney; operated Hall Heating Co.

'50 BS Hotel—Martin L. Horn Jr. of Jupiter, FL, formerly of West Orange, NJ, September 17, 2010; president, Pal's Cabin and Mayfair Farms; president, Nat'l Restaurant Assn.; veteran; active in professional affairs. Sigma Nu.

'50 BArch—Kent C. Hurley of Halifax, Nova Scotia, April 23, 2010; architecture professor, Technical U. of Nova Scotia (now Dalhousie U.); former manager, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra; English teacher; veteran.

'50 BA—Robert E. Schreiber of Orchard Park, NY, September 17, 2010; sports copy editor, *Buffalo News*; taught at Attica Correctional Facility; reporter, Auburn *Citizen-Advertiser*; veteran. Seal & Serpent.

'50, BS Chem E '51, MBA '52—Arthur Snyder of Bernardsville, NJ, September 8, 2010; former president and chairman of A. M. Best Co.; active in alumni affairs. Wife, Beatrice (Harper) '46, BS HE '45.

'50 BS Ag, PhD '53—Horst Von Oppenfeld of Bethesda, MD, August 23, 2010; agricultural economist; worked for the World Bank, the UN Development Program, Int'l Fund for Agricultural Development, Kreditanstalt fuer Wiederaufbau, Turkish Development Foundation, and the Grameen Bank; exchange professor, U. of the Philippines; author; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs.

'50-51 SP Ag—Donald W. White of Scituate, MA, September 1, 2010; retired co-owner, senior VP, and director of Hendrie's Ice Cream; co-owner, New England Frozen Foods; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Phi Delta Theta.

'51 BA—Joseph P. Buttino of Cortland, NY, August 19, 2010; editor and researcher, Alumni Affairs and Development, Cornell U.; worked for two Cornell presidents; veteran; directed, wrote, and arranged musicals and plays; active in community affairs.

'51 MD—Grayson B. Davis of West Lafayette, IN, August 20, 2010; general practitioner; Tippecanoe County coroner; veteran.

'51 MBA—David M. Faulkner of Stone Mountain, GA, September 19, 2010.

'51 BS HE—Anna Strangio Smith of Otego, NY, April 8, 2010. Wayside Aftermath.

'51—William M. Stanton of Waldorf, MD, April 14, 2006.

'52 BA—Charles T. Baglow of Webster, NY, June 23, 2010; retired CFO, Great Lakes Press Corp.; veteran. Theta Chi. Wife, Susan (Ekstrand) '52.

'52 BS Nurs—Nancy Courtright Bolles of Corona del Mar, CA, August 22, 2010.

'52 LLB—Sheldon W. Damsky of Cambridge, NY,

September 1, 2010; attorney; author; veteran.

'52-53 SP ILR—Ruth Hanka Eigner of Pacific Beach, CA, August 23, 2010; high school math, English, and German teacher; actor; playwright; author. Husband, Edwin M. Eigner '53.

'52—Robert W. Ensign of Bethlehem, CT, September 10, 2010; president, Ensign Petroleum Equipment Co.; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Seal & Serpent.

'52 BFA—Goldie Pearl Feigert of Charlottesville, VA, September 19, 2010; artist; printmaker; art restorer; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Epsilon Phi.

'52 BA—Paul C. Franks of Tulsa, OK, August 26, 2010; professor of geology, U. of Tulsa; active in alumni affairs. Delta Chi.

'52 BS HE—Shirley Cornell Lindberg of Parish, NY, July 6, 2007.

'53 BS Ag—Phillips W. Foster of College Park, MD, August 29, 2010; professor of agricultural economics, U. of Maryland; also taught at Michigan State U.; author; documentary filmmaker; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'53—Stephen C. Low of Houston, TX, formerly of Milford, Oneonta, and Clinton, NY, August 7, 2010; founder, Catskill Airways; manager, Oneonta Municipal Airport; executive director, Nat'l Warplane Museum; operated River Valley Farm; active in civic and community affairs.

'53 MD—Richard F. Porter of Alamosa, CO, August 13, 2010; radiologist, Alamosa Community Hospital, Monte Vista Comm. Hospital; St. Joseph Hospital, and Del Norte and Conejos County Hospital; veteran; mountaineer; active in community and professional affairs.

'53 BA—Francis P. Scigliano of Lexington, MA, and Christiansted, VI, September 1, 2010; retired court clerk, US Court of Appeals; attorney; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'54, BA '55—Tyler D. Todd of Houston, TX, September 20, 2010; real estate developer; president, Todd Land Co.; manager, Piper Aircraft Distribution; political activist; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'55, LLB '61—Ezra Cornell IV of Hackettstown, NJ, formerly of Bloomfield, NJ, August 9, 2010; attorney; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'55 BA—Miles E. Marsh of Orland Park, IL, formerly of Wheeling, WV, September 4, 2010; executive, Copperweld Corp.; also worked for Wheeling Steel; veteran; active in community and religious affairs. Beta Theta Pi.

'55 BS Ag—Joan Metzger Weerts of Kirksville, MO, August 27, 2010; taught bacteriology at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine (now A.T. Still U.); laboratory researcher, Northeast Regional Medical Center; also worked for CIBA Pharmaceutical Co.; master gardener; active in community affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.

'56—James G. Forbes of Endicott, NY, June 8, 2006; retired IBM employee; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'56 BA—Eleanor Fischer Goldman of New York City, August 7, 2008; attorney; practiced civil rights law, poverty law, and criminal law; foreign correspondent, Canadian Broadcasting Corp.; founder, Nat'l Public Radio's New York City office; classical pianist; active in civic affairs.

'56 BS Ag—Robert J. Lyman of Fulton, NY, September 8, 2010; technical writer, Chrysler Missile Division and General Electric; veteran; pilot; active in community affairs. Cayuga Lodge. Wife, Barbara (Harrell) '56.

'56—William K. Potter of Big Oak Flat, CA, July 21, 2010; retired bar and sporting goods store owner. Theta Chi.

'56, BA '57—Lawrence R. Raub of Orchard Park, NY, September 1, 2010; owner, Brierwood Wine & Spirit Shoppe; sales representative; owner, Armology Co.; also worked for General Telephone; active in civic and community affairs. Alpha Tau Omega.

'57 BS Ag—Ronald F. Schliessman of Franklin, NY, September 12, 2010.

'57 BS Ag—Lawrence S. Star of Wellington, FL, June 20, 2010. Phi Sigma Delta.

'58 BS Ag—Jamon K. Baker of Gansevoort, NY, September 5, 2010; retired from the Soil Conservation Service, USDA; veteran; active in community affairs.

'58 MBA—David A. Scudder of West Hartford, CT, August 24, 2010; general manager, Nat'l Flood Insurance Program, EDS; also worked for Travelers Corp.; lobbyist, Nat'l Electrical Contractors Assn.; veteran; active in community affairs.

'58 BA—Xenia Vurgaropoulos Wright-Marx of Topanga, CA, August 20, 2010; chair, science dept., Los Angeles Trade Technical College; active in community and professional affairs. Chi Omega.

'59—Gene L. Case of New York City, September 9, 2010; advertising executive; created advertising copy for Tums, Volkswagen's "Think small" ad, Skin Bracer, and the antinuclear "Daisy ad" for Lyndon Johnson's campaign; helped found Avenging Angels, an advocacy ad agency; active in civic affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'60—Robert M. Patton of Palmyra, PA, August 20, 2010; worked for Milton Hershey School; active in community affairs. Sigma Nu.

'60 MS—Ruth Silverman of Londonderry, NH, formerly of Ossining, NY, August 31, 2010; psychiatric social worker; therapist, Westchester County Medical Center; faculty member, Cornell U. School of Medicine; active in civic and community affairs.

'60 BA—Sandra Epstein Solomon of Pittsfield, MA, formerly of Armonk, NY, September 10, 2010; founding partner and audiologist, Solomon-Shotland Audiology; active in professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Sigma

Delta Tau. Husband, Alan C. Solomon '60.

'60 MPA—Ralph L. Wilgarde of Palm Desert, CA, July 7, 2010; retired hospital administrator; veteran; active in community affairs.

'61—Nancy L. Westcott of Utica, NY, formerly of Oneida, NY, July 5, 2009; production typist, Dunn Law Firm; medical transcriptionist; active in community and religious affairs.

'62 MS—John R. Kenemuth of Albuquerque, NM, September 19, 2010; physicist; technical director, Advanced Electro-Optical System Telescope Program, Maui Space Surveillance System; worked for Kirtland Air Force Research Laboratory, Phillips Laboratory, and the Air Force Weapons Laboratory; consultant; active in community affairs.

'63 PhD—Eileen Anne Maynard of Santa Fe, NM, August 31, 2010; anthropologist; cryptologist; veteran.

'64 BS Ag, MAT '69—Raymond J. Ernenwein of Kendall, NY, August 26, 2010; retired agricultural teacher; past president, ATANY. Theta Chi.

'65 JD—Michael D. Ditzian of New York City, September 10, 2010; attorney; managing partner, Davis & Gilbert; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs.

'66 BS HE—Geraldine Sussman Marcus of Miami, FL, May 6, 2010; speech pathologist. Sigma Delta Tau.

'66 BS HE—Mary Barron Matthews of Grand Island, NY, September 12, 2010; substitute teacher and home schooling teacher; taught computer skills to children; active in community affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'67 BS Ag—Wayne F. Currie of Atlanta, GA, September 4, 2010; investment executive, Prudential Securities; co-chair, business outreach, Team Ivy. Chi Phi.

'67 PhD—Thomas M. Loehr of Port Townsend, WA, formerly of Portland, OR, August 20, 2010; professor, Oregon Health & Sciences U.; researched the role of trace metals in biological systems; author; sailor; active in community and professional affairs. Wife, Joann (Sanders) '64, PhD '69.

'67 PhD—Margaret Schnaitman Wilcox of Unity, ME, August 17, 2010; college professor; piano teacher; master gardener; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'68—Kenneth L. Goldstein of Scottsdale, AZ, July 27, 2010; expert in cleanroom contamination and design of cleanroom facilities.

'68 MA, PhD '75—Jerry L. Ingles of Worden, IL, August 21, 2010; professor of economics, U. of the South; Peace Corps volunteer; birder; author; actor; active in civic and community affairs.

'69 Med—David J. Desantis of Malone, NY, September 18, 2010; district superintendent, Franklin, Essex, and Hamilton BOCES; special education teacher; active in community and professional affairs.

'69 PhD—Edward H. Jocoy of Williamsville, NY, September 20, 2010; principal engineer, General Dynamics; specialist in radar systems; nationally ranked squash player; active in religious affairs. Wife, Barbara (Mehaffey), MS '67.

'70 PhD—Jerry E. Pohlman of Helena, MT, September 4, 2010; chairman and CEO, Pacific First Bank; chief economist, California Federal Savings; worked for Arthur Young and Co.; worked for the Price Commission and Cost of Living Council; taught at SUNY Buffalo and Carroll College; author; active in community affairs.

'72 MBA—Timothy J. Healy of Winnetka, IL, July 29, 2010; active in alumni affairs.

'75, BA '82—Martin T. King of Seattle, WA, September 15, 2010; founder, Tegic Communications; principal inventor, T9 input technology, the standard text messaging technology on mobile phones; founder, Exbiblio; inventor, Eyescan Communicator, the "Owl," which helps people with disabilities to communicate; co-founder, Compendia Foundation; also founded DisplayLink, Ndiyo, the Film Connection, and Pangea Giving for Global Change; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'75 BS HE—Martin J. Waters III of Lexington, VA, September 1, 2008; regional pension consultant, Nationwide Financial.

'76, BA '77—Daniel B. Tooker of Highland Beach, FL, formerly of Golden, CO, March 9, 2009.

'77 PhD—Francis R. Bidinger of Patancheru, India, April 7, 2008; crop physiologist; principal scientist, Genetic Resources and Enhancement Program, Int'l Crops Research Inst. for the Semi-Arid Tropics. Wife, Patricia (Day), PhD '83.

'79 BS Nurs—Cecelia M. Penkala of New York City, September 4, 2010; nurse practitioner, student health clinic, Columbia U. and Fashion Inst. of Technology; also worked at NewYork Hospital and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Hospital; massage therapist; active in civic affairs.

'83 BS Ag—Mark E. Quinby of Bath, NY, September 6, 2010; worked for Bath Plumbing and Hardware; farmer; raised Dexter cattle; active in community and professional affairs.

'89 BS HE—Christine Husisian Stewart of Vestal, NY, formerly of Naples, FL, July 7, 2006; graphic designer; author.

'90—Claire A. Delain of Schenectady, NY, September 10, 2010; computer programmer, General Electric; art dept. manager, Union Book Co.; farmer; artist; MENSA member; public access TV volunteer; active in artistic and religious affairs.

'96 MEE—Tony Kar Chun Lam of Rochester, NY, December 25, 2007; founder, Turbine Technology Int'l; structural engineer; active in professional affairs.

'00 BA—Jonathan R. Page of San Francisco, CA, September 10, 2010; engineer, Communications & Power Industries Inc.; worked on satellite communications projects; support technician, Cornell High Energy Synchrotron Source; chess champion.

Like Old Times

Newly reissued guide chronicles
Cornell's extensive classical art collection

In ancient times—well, up until the Nineties, but ancient history to current undergrads—the name of the old Temple of Zeus café in Goldwin Smith Hall was as much descriptive as it was triumphal. Before a renovation moved the eatery to its current spot, the café featured ledges along the walls bearing elegant, imposing casts of pedimental sculptures from the Temple of Zeus at Olympia. Nowadays, scholars in search of a caffeine boost have to settle for a more modest layout—albeit one decorated with casts of Parthenon friezes. Too big to fit in the renovated café, the Zeus casts have been relocated to the Arts and Sciences admissions office, where they gaze down on couch-loads of nervous high schoolers.

Classical art has had a home at Cornell since its founding; first president A. D. White ordered hundreds of plaster casts of Greek and Roman statuary (paid for by benefactor Henry Sage) to expose students to ancient cultural artifacts that few could afford to view abroad. In 1894, when the 5,000-square-foot Museum of Casts formally opened in the basement of McGraw Hall, the *New York Times* praised it as “excelled by no other university museum in the United States, and among other foundations only by the Museum of Fine Arts of Boston.”

In the intervening century, though, the casts were dispersed across campus—or, worse, destroyed. In the early Sixties, as archaeology professor emeritus Peter Kuniholm laments, “aesthetic tastes were that either you had the original or you don’t have anything at all. Harvard threw its entire collection out; they got some hammers and ‘put an end to all the lies.’ At Penn they found an empty elevator shaft and threw them all down.” Luckily, though, Cornell’s purge was less comprehensive. “We trashed about half the collection,” Kuniholm says, “and I’ve spent the last thirty-five years trying to rehabilitate these things, which is not easy because there’s no place to put them.”

The casts—and Cornell’s other classical holdings, from pottery to coins to memorial steles—are celebrated in a newly reissued book by Kuniholm and two colleagues. Published jointly by the Johnson Museum and Cornell University Press, *A Guide to the Classical Collections of Cornell University* focuses on about five dozen objects representing a collection of some 12,000 (a quarter of which are coins). Written with art historians Andrew and Nancy Ramage and edited by Jane Terrell ’02, the book was privately published by the museum in 2003 but without an ISBN number that would allow for wide distribution. Still, the initial 1,000 copies sold out over the years, so it was time for a



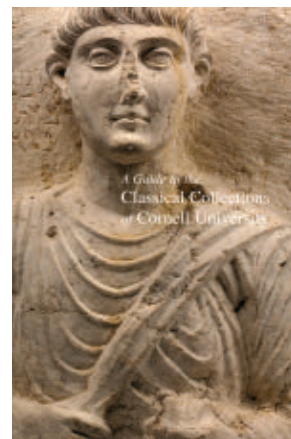
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reprint. Unfortunately, the original Milanese publisher had changed hands several times, and the electronic files had been lost. Kuniholm spent last summer recreating them, and the new guide—printed in Istanbul—was released in January. Priced at \$19.95, it’s available at the Cornell Store, the Johnson Museum, and from online sources like amazon.com.

In addition to detailed descriptions of such gems as a head of Augustus Caesar dating from the first century A.D. and an Etruscan cinerary urn from the third or fourth century B.C., the guide offers a “stroller’s companion” to where various objects are housed on campus; the Johnson Museum itself has space to display only about two dozen.

Absent, though, is an observation that Kuniholm made during the production process regarding the uncanny resemblance between Emperor Nero’s profile on a *Sestertius* and a certain Big Red hockey coach (and 1986 Cornell grad). “I did not say what I thought about one of the Roman coins,” Kuniholm says, “which is that it looks just like Mike Schafer.”

The classics: The guide includes (clockwise from top) a vintage photo of the Museum of Casts, a Syrian funerary monument, and a coin bearing Nero’s profile.



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